

# The Journal

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## With Checking Out

### Day cleanup

are welcome to help at any of Day celebration cleanups being held at city parks and public spaces from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday. Details: 528-5563.

formed Friends of Memorial Park anyone interested to come to Albany's largest park Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Details: 528-5563.

also needed at Portola School in El Cerrito, where organizers are serving coffee and donuts for early school grounds are large, so hands available, the better, and shovels or weed whackers are welcome. Plans include plantings donated by the city.

of Albany and Friends of Five Friends residents to help clean up Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Details: 528-5563.

### General Plan update

wants to remind you it's not too late to help El Cerrito form a vision for the future. The city has embarked upon a process of updating its General Plan, a document that governs plan-

development-related issues. General Plan Questionnaire was in the city's Spring & Summer recently mailed to every El Cerrito household and business. You should have completed it, and return it by April 20. Your opinions and

the city's consultant in the Plan Update process, specifically regarding the "Vision Festival" and public workshops. The Vision Festival originally scheduled for May 9, has been postponed to allow addi-

tion to plan and prepare for the new date and location of the festival will be announced soon. If you receive a questionnaire, contact Planning Division at 215-4330 or go to the city's Web Page at [www.elcerrito.ca.us](http://www.elcerrito.ca.us).

El Cerrito's Planning Division would like some volunteer administrative support of the city's General Plan update. There is work to do such as copying, mailing out agendas, and filing. There may be work involving word processing, and photography, depending on needs and skills. A time commitment of one afternoon a week is sought.

City of Albany, Management & Planning Division, City Hall, 10890 El Cerrito Ave., El Cerrito CA 94530, or 215-4330.

### North discussion

Albany Redevelopment Agency will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Center, 6500 Stockton Ave., as a part of a session of property owners, residents and possible developers on possible development at the Del Norte Blvd. Area. Details: 215-4300.

### Day observance

is invited to the observance of Day, when the El Cerrito Garden Club will plant a native Toyon Tree at Huber Ave. View and Terrace Drives, on April 24. City officials, children and adults are invited to join in the planting. Weather permitting, the group will be treated to a performance of Baroque's environmental play, "A Tree in El Cerrito." Details: Julie Rogers, 528-5563 or Joyce Odlin, 535-1730.

### Picture Book Time

for Picture Book Time at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., beginning on April 22. This program for preschoolers is held on Thursdays at 11 a.m., April 22 through June 11. Details: 526-7512.

### Elephant Sale

of Albany Seniors will hold an Annual White Elephant Sale on April 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Albany Center, 846 Masonic Ave. Details: 528-5563.



## The bunny trail

Kids came out in droves to Arlington Park in El Cerrito last Saturday for the annual city-sponsored egg hunt. Instead of eggs, kids (many decked out for the occasion) searched the lawn for candy.



## EC sets sign limitations; assesses general plan report

### The city also institutes radio broadcasts of meetings and backs extended carpool hours.

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO—At last week's city council meeting, the council got down to business and voted on several items including a new sign

ordinance, a resolution in opposition to state Proposition 226, a resolution to support extended hours of Bay Bridge car pool lanes, a measure to raise city fees and a resolution in support of the library tax, Measure A. They also gave the go-ahead to start radio broadcasts of their meetings, to raise taxes to support a clean water program and they discussed and criticized the work of the city's General Plan update con-

sultant.

The joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting began at 8 p.m. with about 35 people in attendance; by the time it ended just after midnight, only a handful of people were left in the audience.

For the past year the city's Municipal Code Review Committee has been hashing out a new sign ordinance, and last Monday City Attorney Howard Stern presented the re-

sults of their work. In his report to the council, Stern noted that the review committee worked hard to come up with a "readable and comprehensive" code that would pass constitutional muster. Most of the amendments to the new ordinance concern residential signs, but commercial signage is affected as well.

Under the new rules, residential signs are limited to an aggregate eight square feet and may not ex-

tend more than five feet above the ground. The signs must be stationary and cannot be lighted. Roof signs are prohibited. In regards to campaign signs in residential areas, there will be no aggregate limit, but you may post only eight square feet maximum for any single candidate or ballot measure. Portable signs, such as real estate "open house"

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## Public transit in spotlight at Albany forum

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—A gallery of some 20 concerned citizens debated everything from pedestrian safety to declaring automobiles a "public nuisance" on April 1 as city staff concluded the second phase of the Citywide Plan, a month-

long effort to find out just what, if anything, is wrong with the city's transportation system, will involve some 20 public meetings all told, as well as numerous traffic surveys by consultants. Though concerns raised at the latest meeting included many of the usual suspects — bicycle-friendliness and pedestrian safety, particularly in regard to children — the issue of public transit also reared its head, with calls for more bus service and for bus drivers to slow down just a tad.

The second group of meetings, held in late March, broke the city into three regional subgroups where residents often focused on specific problems on their streets, according to Community Development Director Bill Ekern. Particularly popular were speed humps, Ekern said, with some residents also requesting stop signs and saying drivers, put simply, drive too fast.

Following the three sub-group meetings, the city hosted its second citywide gathering, with many

## Spinach is out, CAFFEINE is in

### New cartoonists on display at this year's Wondercon

By Eric Turowski

The harbingers of spring arrive on April 17. And we're not talking just Robins. Also Batmans, Supermans, Spidermans, and even Too Much Coffee Mans. It is time again for the largest comic book convention in Northern California, WonderCon, April 17-19 at the Oakland Marriott at City Center, 550 10th St. In attendance will be many local

comic book professionals.

Berkeleyan Shannon Wheeler is the creator of the very successful independent comic *Too Much Coffee Man*. A graduate of Berkeley High School and UC Berkeley, Wheeler recently returned to his childhood home after eight years in Austin, Texas, where he went to launch his creation.

This is Wheeler's first conven-

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Shannon Wheeler: above, 'I'm a professional cartoonist now. I find it mind-blowing.' Right: His creation Too Much Coffee Man.



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## Around Town

By Chris Treadway  
Journal editor

### El Cerrito High scheduling system coming under scrutiny

A system of intensified class scheduling now in its second year of use at El Cerrito High School is credited with helping to land \$1.2 million in grant funding to bring the school into the high-tech age. But an increasingly vocal group of parents, including Jim Young and Fred Siegmund, the elected parent representatives to the ECHS Site Council, contend the reform of 90-minute class sessions known as Block Scheduling is a failure and needs to be revised or ended.

The dissatisfied parents plan to be in attendance next Wednesday, when the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board agenda includes a review of the program.

Block Scheduling, or in El Cerrito's case "Fourby Four" Block Scheduling, calls for four periods a day of 90-minute class sessions, divided into two semesters, so that students take four classes in each of the first semester and four different classes in the second semester.

The concept was sold, to considerable skepticism, as a way to reduce classload (from six to four), have more time per class to devote to be creative, more in-depth and do the things that can't be done in a 50-minute class, and more time to devote to underperforming students.

It sounded good enough that it won acceptance, and many teachers and students still stand by the concept.

But criticisms are growing among many parents — and students. Some of the concerns:

- Students are learning less. Unhappy parents charge — and an internal ECHS report indicate — that much of the 90-minute period, at least in many classes, is used for "study time" rather than actual instruction. For many students, that means time to do the assigned homework in class, an indicator of why student acceptance of the reform would be logical.

- Students are attending less. The fourth block in the afternoon is only funded to 25 percent of the regular school day, meaning class offerings are minimal and that "study skills" classes are the norm. And attendance at those classes is laxly enforced, angry parents charge, citing the number of students who have departed by 2:15 p.m. Complicating the fourth block quandary is the recent acceptance of class credit for

you talk to parents, (Block Scheduling) is probably the most talked about topic at El Cerrito High School. He also said that "I think almost everyone would agree that something needs to be done about Block 4," which has few class offerings and low attendance.

But the opinions he has heard are divided. "It seems to be something people are either very much for or very much against," he said, noting that he has heard from people as much in support of the system as well as people who deride it.

Price does not know the sentiment of his board colleagues and has not seen the results of the survey or studied the staff report for next week's meeting. But he said the board would "probably fall somewhere between keeping it as it is and recommending some kind of reform."

Price also questions whether a move to rework or remove the system would jeopardize the grants

the school is in line for, saying that will be among the first questions he'll ask next week. "I'm not positive, but I wouldn't think it would be linked at all to the Digital High funds" made available by the Bay Area School

Reform Collective, he said.

He called the evaluation of reforms at the school "a real rigorous process," and noted that those doing the evaluating "are educators themselves."

"I think it was more of an evaluation of the school's ability to use technology funding," Price said.

In the meantime, upset parents have set a March 31 parents meeting on the issue and have even set up a home page on the Internet at <http://members.aol.com/ZYoungs/guardians.html>

**MORE IN STORE?** Everyone has an opinion about the El Cerrito Plaza, but the one this space has heard the most is "I wish Capwell's was still there." Can't be done, consultants and officials have said, but Kathie Perka deserves a lot of credit for not accepting that notion. Perka's efforts, in the form of a petition drive, have given a collective voice to thousands of would-be shoppers who would otherwise have not been heard.

The 5,400 people who signed petitions to the Gottschalks and Dillard's learned that their desires to shop locally are enough to interest at least one chain in investigating the Plaza as a home. Maybe it will also get the attention of Plaza co-owners American Stores and Milton Bilak

as they formulate plans for the center (with a deadline of early next month set by the city redevelopment agency).

If nothing else, this month's visit by top officials of Gottschalks should give local shoppers hope and a realization about what can happen if enough people have a common goal.

Seeing it through to realization will take a lot more, but Perka isn't daunted. "I'm an eternal optimist. I think it can happen," says Perka, who isn't about to let the issue rest.

Petitions are still coming in, and "I'm going to continue to collect signatures and see what we can do," she said. "And hopefully, American Stores, the city and Mr. Bilak can become involved and we can have a department store at the Plaza." (She has yet to get a response from the Dillard's chain, by the way.)

Shoppers here are "tremendously underserved," she maintains, noting that residents in Kensington, Berkeley and Albany have also



## Letters to the Editor

### Area wants a department store

Editor:

Thanks to Kathleen Perka, the opinions of over 5,000 El Cerrito residents have finally been heard regarding El Cerrito Plaza. What is ardently wanted is a new department store. A "Super-Lucky" will not be an adequate anchor for this shopping center. One has only to walk through the half-deserted Plaza to see that most small retailers cannot survive independently in this location.

I participated in two City Council sponsored planning sessions last year, at which citizen input about the Plaza was solicited. It was my strong impression that a department store and small movie complex were the items given highest priority by participants. I therefore cannot understand why the City Council subsequently endorsed a plan which would include razing the Emporium building, reducing parking, and creating a park-like mall with boutiques and apartments or condos. A relocated Lucky Store would presumably be the centerpiece. Was an earnest effort ever made by the City Staff, the previous City Council or the Redevelopment Agency to find a department store tenant? Or did they act on their own preconceived "vision", which had little to do with their constituents' desires?

Landscaping, pedestrian paths and a restored creek will not attract serious shoppers or significant revenue. Many El Cerritos now trek to Walnut Creek, Corte Madera or San Francisco for major purchases. I hope the El Cerrito City Council, Redevelopment Agency,

American Stores

involved will be able to work together to bring them to El Cerrito.

Virginia Liao  
El Cerrito

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The results are not perfect, but they make Albany a healthy, vigorous city.

Thank you again,

Allan Maris  
Albany Citizen of the Year, 1997

### Put Emporium site back into use

Editor:

Kudos to Kathie Perka for her success in bringing Joe W. Levy, the company chairman of Gottschalks, and two other Gottschalks officials to El Cerrito in order to consider the options of locating a department store in the vacant Emporium building at the Plaza! I am sure this effort on Kathie's part involved careful planning and many hours of work.

El Cerrito prides itself on its recycling program. It would seem logical that every effort should be made to reuse the Emporium building as a department store, which is desperately needed in this area, rather than to demolish it. Now that Kathie Perka has successfully attracted the attention of Gottschalks, let's hope that the city and all parties

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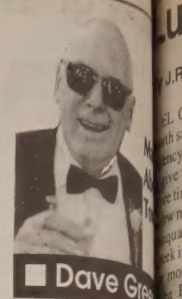
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Items for publication should reach us 10 days in advance.



### Curb cacophony of canines

Is that barking dog on the corner driving you round the bend? Relief may be in sight for Albany. A revised animal control ordinance gives police a better way of controlling vociferous dogs.

Now before your ears prick and your lips pull back, your teeth hear this: I have owned dogs, or been bitten by them, all my life. We have lived here for 15 years, but we don't hear her bark and disturb neighbors passersby. I am unable to understand why so many otherwise decent abiding folk allow their dogs to bark so, but they do.

People who would rather practicing the trombone than blasting rap music think about leaving their dogs out in the day and, if they can get away with it, all night. One reason for this is that offenders either believe they have a right to do so or that action will be taken against them.

The latter notion is based upon their experience with police were called in by a responding officer contacted by the owner at all — and I have known an officer understandably reluctant to enter a yard with two dogs — he usually just had the dog take the dog inside.

The jawbone has long been a police officer's weapon of choice on keepers of barking dogs. It works in some cases, but a further action it does not change behavior of hardened offenders. I have known a family in our neighborhood continued to leave a dog particularly percussive barking yard round-the-clock despite of complaints from neighbors.

But the revised animal ordinance puts a sharper focus on barking than has previously been the case in part:

"It is unlawful and constitute a public nuisance for a person to keep within the City any animal which disturbs the peace and comfort of inhabitants of the neighborhood which said animal is kept, interferes with any person's enjoyment of life or property, creates a risk of injury to property."

It also states that the ordinance "shall be in conjunction with the City's noise ordinance." The ordinance declares, "it is the policy of the City of Albany to prohibit excessive, and annoying noise from all sources subject to reasonable power."

There is no question that people in the city and others who have had their "enjoyment of property" grossly interfered with by barking dogs. Gasoline-powered garden tools, loud music and other noise also disturb the peace, but compare with barking dogs, the regularity and duration of disturbance.

If all else fails, people should take action themselves. A door used to pound on a neighbor's door complaining of barking. The animal owner, suddenly, leaving the dog convinced it had been provoked.

An acquaintance who was home in another part of the city me that the constant barking of dogs next door had forced her seriously consider selling her house. And that might not be easy with a law that mandates discipline of such disturbances by a recently saw such a disclosure house sale.)

When the dogs of neighborhood war are let slip, things can get ugly. I know of threats of physical violence. I also know a depressed Berkeley woman told me the barking of a neighbor dog had become intolerable. Sleep was constantly interrupted and she was driven out of her garden. But nobody, not even the police, could or would



# Lucky gets time extension for Del Norte plan

J.R. Deaton

**EL CERRITO** — Is it a creek with saving? The Redevelopment Agency voted last Monday evening to give the owners of Lucky Stores more time to develop a site plan for the new northern El Cerrito store that adequately incorporates Baxter Creek into its design. In his request for more time, Bruce Qualls, the Real Estate Manager for American Stores Properties Inc., said that "So far, the creek has been the issue gaining the most attention."

The Agency voted 3-1-1 (3 for, 1 abstention) to grant a 90-day extension of the Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement (ENRA) to Lucky's corporate parent, American Stores. It was the first extension of the ENRA with American Stores.

In a letter to Gerald Raycraft, the city's Community Development Manager, Qualls said American Stores has been trying to come up with a design that restores the creek while providing an attractive, modern store for the community. "There's a lot of balancing required to achieve something that makes sense for our business while restoring the creek," Qualls explained.

In her report to the Agency, Redevelopment Program Manager Maryann Aberg said that a council action for 2003 is "expansion of commercial development," and that a high priority action for 1998 is creek restoration. "The ENRA provision would allow an opportunity to determine whether these two objectives could be compatible," Tierney said in her report.

Speaking before the Agency, friends of Baxter Creek spokesperson Maryann Aberg said that Lucky has been dragging its feet on the plan. "That Lucky refused to work with us to come up with an acceptable design reflects its unwillingness to consider the needs of those who will be the most directly affected by the project," Aberg said. "Lucky's stance 'flouts' the city's General Plan and the

ENRA agreement with the Agency. Lisa Viani of Richmond, another friend of the creek, asked the Agency not to extend the ENRA and instead develop the site as a park with a restored creek. She said the Friends of Baxter Creek would work with the city to obtain grants to restore the creek and develop a gateway park in northern El Cerrito. "We've lost most of our natural open spaces here," she told the Agency, and added "we urge you to preserve what's left."

Council watcher Thom Stark urged the Agency to extend the ENRA. "We have a very limited amount of commercially zoned space in El Cerrito," he told the Agency. "I don't think we can afford to give it up," Stark added. He

looking into the cost of acquiring the properties in question. She said the city (or Agency) buying the land may be an option "if Lucky can't get their act together."

Agency member Gina Brusatori said "We have open space at the north end of town — it's called Canyon Trail Park." She repeated her concern that she didn't want this Lucky store to deteriorate the way the old Safeway store in Berkeley years back. "Berkeley, 10 years ago or so, wouldn't work with Safeway to expand its store which is near the Berkeley Bowl," Brusatori explained. She said the Safeway store wasn't closed overnight, but the chain didn't put any money into it and it deteriorated and finally closed. "I do not want to

promised subsequent meetings. "The point is, Lucky has had their opportunities and they haven't performed," Damon contended. Damon suggested the Agency not extend the ENRA with American Stores and open up the process to other developers while not excluding American Stores. He said such a move would "open this up" to consideration of new alternatives while American Stores works toward a new ENRA.

Damon said there may be another developer out there "interested in being more cooperative with the Friends of Baxter Creek."

Agency member Norman LaForce said he shared some of Brusatori's concerns and added: "We don't really have any money for acquisitions at this time." LaForce said he would like to give Lucky another chance to come up with a site plan. "I don't think we should just tell them to go away — I don't think that's a responsible approach to take," he said. He noted that Lucky Stores is a long-standing and appreciated member of El Cerrito's business community.

Agency Chair Mark Friedman said that at last February's Redevelopment Advisory Committee meeting, where the latest site plan was unveiled, the attitude of the American Stores "was not particularly cooperative." Friedman noted that at one point "they said this is a take-it-or-leave-it deal." Friedman said he didn't know if that was accurate or just posturing, but he noted that the way the plan was delivered was not conducive to allaying neighborhood concerns. Friedman said he would like to take a more long-term approach to civic development. "I would like to set a tone in our community where we find a new way of operating and working together with the business community that's going to lead us away from this whole bottom line short-term thinking," he said.

The motion to extend the agreement passed 3-1-1, with the proviso that American Stores representatives meet with Friends of Baxter Creek within 30 days. Friedman abstained from the vote and Damon voted against the resolution.

# Albany man arrested in alleged January shooting incident

By Greg Hugunin

**ALBANY** — A 49-year-old Albany man was taken into police custody last week for allegedly firing rifle shots at a pair of Albany teens during a January traffic dispute.

Descending in force during early morning hours, police arrested Richard Michael Cortese without incident at his home last Friday, bringing to an end a months-long investigation. According to Albany Police Sgt. Bob Christianson, Cortese subsequently confessed during an interview to firing at the two teens, who he felt was speeding down their street.

"It's not quite normal to grab a gun and start shooting at somebody," said Lt. Bill Palmieri, who, along with Christianson and Det. Kevin Horn, pursued the investigation.

According to police, stolen property and narcotics were also recovered at Cortese's residence, as well as the rifle allegedly used in the incident, other weapons, and more than 100 rounds of ammunition.

The Jan. 17 incident, Christianson said, began when two youths, ages 17 and 18, were driving down the 800 block of Madison Street. Apparently perturbed by what he felt was the youths' excessive rate of speed, Cortese threw an object — possibly keys — at the car, the youths told police, at which point the youths decided to stop to assess the damage and ask Cortese the reason for his action.

Cortese, however, "wasn't really in the mood to discuss things," Christianson said, and told the youths his street was not a freeway and that they should leave. He also told the two that he was going to retrieve a weapon, Christianson said, a

move that, the youths told police, they considered a bluff.

At that point, Cortese retrieved a .22 caliber, semi-automatic rifle, Christianson said, told the youths to leave and began counting backwards from 10 to zero. Though the youths were already fleeing when Cortese reached zero, Christianson said, Cortese "sporadically" fired between five and 10 rounds, striking a neighbor's van but not the fleeing youths or their car.

"It's extremely hazardous to fire a weapon anywhere but a firing range. He put a lot of people at risk," said Christianson, adding that Cortese has a history of acting in "bizarre and unusual ways with regard to motorists who come down his street." Though neighbors reported hearing both the gunshots and the two- to three-minute argument that led up to them, the only witnesses were the youths, who were unable to identify their attacker by name or address, Christianson said.

After identifying Cortese as the suspect, police took him into custody without incident early Friday morning, and he confessed to firing the shots during interviews that day, said police. Though he was aware he had done something wrong, Cortese was not, "in my estimation," someone who understood the gravity of the action, Christianson said. Police, however, have taken the action very seriously.

"Generally people are courteous about it. They call us. There are other ways to handle this," said Christianson of many city residents' perception of cars driving too fast on their streets.

"We should all be civil to one another," he said. "We're all in this together."

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2939 Ellis Street

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# Balance sought to limit Bay Trail intrusion on shore bird habitat

By Sarah Yang

On one of the clearest days since El Niño took a breather in the Bay area, a group of people gathered to enjoy the sun near the Bay Trail along the Albany shoreline. The sound of a remote-controlled model plane equipped with a chainsaw engine filled the air.

"It's an excellent spot for flying," said Fred Hutchinson of Oakland while fiddling with the plane's controls. "This is one of the only natural places to go to in the area," he said while his friend, Karen Smith of San Francisco, played nearby with her 6-year-old lab retriever mix, Oliver.

Within the next few years, public access to spots like the one Hutchinson and Smith enjoy will increase as more sections of the 400-mile Bay Trail project are completed. Yet it is this increase in pedestrian traffic that has some environmentalists concerned about the impact to native wildlife.

"Birds are not as used to people on bicycles because they can see the form of a human," said Mark Littlefield, chief of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Wetlands Branch in Sacramento. He said the sight and noise associated with humans and their off-leash pets disturb birds, particularly during nesting season.

"If people go out walking their dogs, it clearly would impact the [shorebird] population," he said.

Arthur Feinstein, executive director of the Golden Gate Audubon

Society, agrees with Littlefield. "We've had several conflicts with the Bay Trail," said Feinstein. "The Trail [planners] insist on being next to the Bay, but we've got shorebirds right on the beach. We're saying, let's have a look first at sensitive nesting habitat. We need a balance."

Some areas proposed for trail alignment pass through wetlands used by migratory waterfowl and shorebirds. In a series of letters written throughout 1993, U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials expressed concern over a proposed trail extending north of Buchanan Street towards Central Avenue in Albany.

In one letter, acting regional director William Martin told the San Francisco Corps of Engineers that the project would have a "substantial and unacceptable impact" on the "thousands of migratory waterfowl and shorebirds that regularly use the Albany mudflats as wintering habitat."

Yet Trail advocates feel more studies need to be done before conclusions are made.

"There's a good bit of disagreement on both sides on what level of impact is permissible," said Stana Hearne of the Citizens for East Shore State Park. "We need scientifically valid information, and I don't think we're there yet."

She also said many areas set aside for public access to the Bay shoreline would have otherwise gone towards shopping centers or residential developments. "Which is more

desirable," Hearne asked. "Is it the Trail or developments?"

"The bicycle trails also provide a viable option to more cars on the freeway, and that's a good thing," Hearne added.

But Betsy Radtke, assistant manager of the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge, pointed out that stress on wildlife due to human impact may be quite subtle and hard to measure.

"A lot of the results we don't understand," said Radtke. "Birds may run their body fat down. They may initiate nesting later than normal. It's a cumulative thing. If we do it over and over and over again, then eventually that has a major impact on population."

Most recently, five sections of the half-finished trail got an \$800,000 financial boost from the San Francisco Bay Trail.

The new trail projects would add 3.4 miles to the Embarcadero Bay Trail along the Oakland waterfront between Jack London Square and Fruitvale Avenue; one-tenth of a mile to parallel Main Street in Alameda; 6 miles between China Basin and the northern edge of Hunter's Point in Southeast San Francisco; half a mile that would to an existing trail at Oyster Point Shoreline Bay Trail in South San Francisco; and one-tenth of a mile connecting two trails along a levee in the Shoreline Park Trail in San

## Bay Trail public art proposals sought

The City of Albany is requesting proposals for a public art project along the Buchanan Street segment of the Bay Trail. The budget for the project is \$10,000. The city, in conjunction with the State Coastal Conservancy and the East Bay Regional Park District, recently completed a portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail. The public art project is to be located west of Interstates 80 and 580, along Buchanan Street, north of the Golden Gate Fields race track. It is intended that the public art will reflect both the elements of the San Francisco Bay and the man-made nature of the site, which is a former landfill. The goals for the project include:

- A project that commemorates the interaction of urban develop-

ment and the San Francisco Bay;

- Artwork that visually enhances the area without limiting views to the Bay;
- Artwork that is compatible with existing trees as well as their future mature size; and
- Artwork that is permanent, weather-resistant, and requires minimum maintenance.

Artwork may include but is not limited to sculpture (functional, aesthetic or both, from either on-site or other materials), artistic trail surfacing; land or rock formations. Proposals are due April 27.

Interested artists may request a copy of the Request for Proposals from the City Community Development and Environmental Resources Department at 528-5760.

Rafael.

Most of the newly financed projects pass through industrial and commercial areas that are not considered sensitive habitat. Janet McBride, manager of the Bay Trail Project, said the only portion that might have an environmental impact runs along Shoreline Park in Alameda.

She said she recognizes the need to strike the balance between public access and the preservation of natural resources.

"Our plan clearly calls for bringing the public as close to the shoreline as possible without impacting wildlife," said McBride. "But there are design treatments you can use.

You can do both things: protect the habitat and protect public access."

McBride pointed out that modifications have already been made to protect wildlife along the Shoreline Park levee trail, which extends two and a half miles from Pickleweed Park to Bay Park. A double fence

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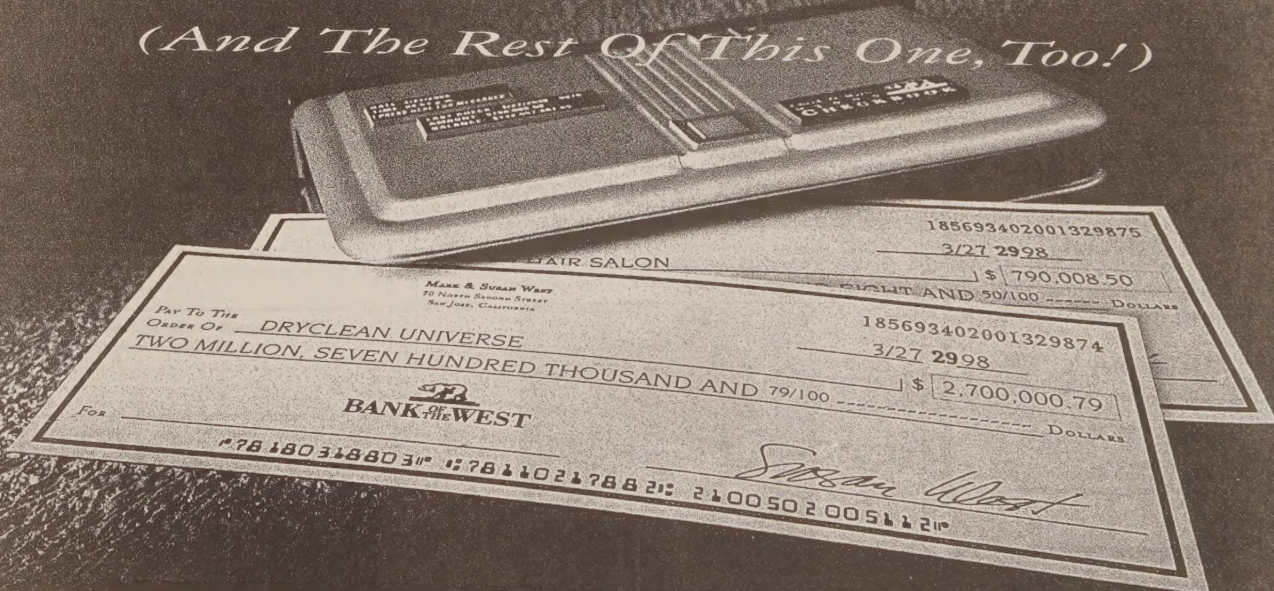
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# Albany Pool earns some high honors

## District hires construction inspector for middle school project

William-Arthur Haynes

ALBANY — The school board congratulated the Albany Pool staff for winning prestigious national and state awards at Tuesday's meeting. The United States Water Fitness Association named Aquatic Director Peggy McQuaid and Albany Pool as having one of the top 100 aquatic programs in the country for 1997. It was ranked No. 5 in the pool also claimed awards for being the top aquatic program in California and the top aquatic program in the scholastic category. The association bases its awards on instruction, recreation, competition, water exercise, service and development, as well as the facility's educational and social

components.

### In other business:

The board named an inspector of record to oversee Albany Middle School's planned construction.

A service contract was approved with Greg Birtchet to enforce building codes, perform inspections and report on the requirements outlined in the California Code of Regulations. State Title 24 requires a full-time IOR be assigned to all public school construction projects.

"My duty is to protect the school district, the board and the superintendent," said Birtchet, who will be an independent contractor.

Birtchet is a registered construction inspector out of Byron, Calif. According to the board, he had an extensive resume as a school facili-

ties consultant and was highly regarded by his supplied references.

The board accepted close to \$12,000 worth of donations, including \$9,300-worth of hard drives to be given by Quantum Computers for use by Albany High School and Adult Education.

The Albany-Berkeley Soccer club donated \$500 toward renovation the football pitch at Cougar Field.

The Albany High School Athletic Boosters will donate \$1,500 toward purchasing a sound system for various events at Cougar Field.

Mary and Raymond Jewell donated a computer, keyboard, software and related equipment valued at \$535. The donation is being recommended for use by Cornell Elementary School.

### 'Myths about UN' is AAUW meeting topic

Rosemary van der Laan will speak on myths concerning the United Nations and the role of the International Federation of University Women at the United Nations when the Richmond/El Cerrito branch of the American Association of University Women meet on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Van der Laan is board president of the Resource Center for the

United Nations at the San Francisco Presidio.

She has been active in AAUW and has served as the association director of international relations as well as being an honorary Kentucky Colonel for her contributions to world development and peace.

The meeting is at the El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave. Visitors are welcome.

Details: Louise Wechsler, 524-4340.

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## Everyone a winner at AEF benefit

For the third year the Albany Education Foundation and Soroptimists International of Albany worked together to put on a Country Western Dance fundraiser for programs benefiting Albany young people and schools. The Feb. 7 event grossed more than \$11,000. An added feature this year was a benefit drawing for "Connecting Kids," a project to computerize the Albany Middle School library and add an Internet station at the Albany Library for the exclusive use of kids during off-school hours. The benefit drawing, which offered a \$2,500 travel gift certificate for the winning ticket, raised over \$6,000. Lucky winners of the travel package are Bill and Barbara Wilson and sons Joey and Danny Nolan, of Albany. Joey and Danny are both students at Albany Middle School, one of the beneficiaries of the "Connecting Kids" drawing. Full Circle Travel is the travel consultant working with the winners. Congratulating members of the winning family are (l-r) Lisa Koenen of Full Circle Travel; Peggy McQuaid of Soroptimists International of Albany; Sally Outis of the Albany Education Foundation; Joey Nolan, Barbara Wilson, and Danny Nolan.

## Trail

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with native plants in between separates trail-goers from the wetland on the other side. Signs posted along the trail tell people to stay on the path.

In 1994, the Association of Bay Area Governments, which administers the project, established the Creative Designs for Conservation

Contest to encourage local communities to share ideas on how to preserve wild habitat.

Still, some conservationists think more needs to be done. "I love bike riding, too," said Radtke. "But we have a number of issues with any public use near tidal marshes. It's very disruptive."

Radtke is particularly concerned because proposed portions of the Bay Trail would pass through the refuge where the California Clapper Rail, an endangered shorebird, resides. "People who get off the trails, dogs, and loud noises all may lead to birds abandoning their nests," she said.

Radtke said wildlife refuges are mandated to provide wildlife-oriented public use, and that trails are provided for people who aren't

merely passing by from one place to another, but for those who go specifically to experience wildlife.

"The biggest problem is with through trails," she said. "People use them for transportation to and from work or as exercise routes, not specifically to see wildlife, and they can easily be doing that somewhere else."

For many visitors to the Bay Trail, seeing wildlife as part of their daily activities makes the effort to push on with the trail worthwhile.

"You can't exclude people from the Bay," said Smith. "You need to see it to respect it. I run along these trails and I see otters and sea lions off the coast. It's the thing that brings me here; a place where my dog can be free and where we can escape the madness."

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## Police Reports

### Purse snatcher flees in waiting van

By William-Arthur Haynes

EL CERRITO—At about 8:30 p.m. on April 2 an unknown suspect forced a woman off balance in the San Pablo Ave. Safeway parking lot and took her purse. The suspect ran to a waiting van driven by another man and the two suspects fled from the scene.

A '95 Honda Accord was reported stolen from the 700 block of Lexington Ave. on April 7. The vehicle was later recovered.

On April 5 a woman entered the Eastshore Blvd. Foods Co. to buy items for a barbecue. The woman purchased a head of lettuce but security saw her concealing gray packets in her purse. The woman attempted to leave the store without paying for the concealed merchandise. She was arrested for shoplifting.

At about 11:40 a.m. on April 7 a juvenile attempting to remove a bicycle from a detached garage on the 7300 block of Donal Ave was interrupted by the homeowner and fled. There was no loss.

During an April 5 argument between a man and woman both involved struck one another. The man was arrested for simple battery.

At around 3 p.m. on April 6 three young men in their early 20s were skateboard-riding in the Target parking lot. When an officer tried to contact the boys one fled the scene. While trying to run from another officer he bailed on his skateboard and cut his chin. He said he didn't need medical attention and left riding southbound on San Pablo Ave.

A couple with a 3-year-old daughter in common became involved in a verbal altercation at the female's apartment on the 3100 block of Carlson Blvd. The man did

not live at the location and agreed to leave the scene and not return.

On April 6 an elderly man came to the police station to report that for the past month and a half he has received phone calls in which no one is one the other end.

On April 4 at around 6:45 p.m. police responded to a civil dispute between a husband and his wife arguing over their pending divorce.

On April 7 a man reported having problems with his neighbor on Elm St, saying he fears for his family's safety.

At the Plaza Longs Drug Store a juvenile was witnessed concealing a disposable camera valued at \$6.49 in his coat pocket. He attempted to leave the store without paying for the item and was arrested for petty theft.

Sometime between 8 p.m. on April 2 and 9 a.m. on April 3 someone forced his way into a '79 Ford pick-up parked on the 2000 block of Tulare Ave. by way of the

driver's-side wing window and removed valuables valued at \$510.

On April 2 a man reported that a woman he knows has been calling him non-stop and making vague threats.

At around 3:53 a.m. on April 2 a man ran from his apartment on the 11300 block of San Pablo Ave. reporting a home invasion. Police found the "intruder" to be a dancer for the subject and his friends.

Sometime between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on April 2 an unknown suspect attempted to remove the rear window of a home on the 900 block of Everett St. before fleeing.

On April 4 at around 1:30 a.m. two juveniles were seen hiding between two houses on the 500 block of Richmond St. When they fled from police they dropped a backpack containing property.

On April 3 it was found that a suspect had used a woman's Social Security number to open 22 credit card accounts.

On April 2 a young man refused to return home due to an argument he had with his mother.

### Stop in restaurant lot a mistake

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 11:30 p.m. on April 5 officers responded to the Sizzler Restaurant on reports of a suspicious person sitting in a car in the north parking lot. Officers contacted a 20-year-old Berkeley man and a check found that the man had an outstanding warrant from Albany for auto theft in the amount of \$25,000. He was arrested and his car impounded.

At about 2:30 a.m. on April 6 officers contacted a 37-year-old San Francisco man known to have a history with law enforcement officials. He was found to have an outstanding Albany warrant for drug use in the amount of \$1,500. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On the morning of April 6 a resident on the 800 block of Carmel Avenue reported that during the night vandals had thrown eggs

and mustard on his house.

At about 2:15 a.m. on April 8 officers contacted an Albany man on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue who was known to have outstanding warrants. A check found that he had an outstanding warrant from Berkeley for auto theft in the amount of \$5,000. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On the morning of April 8 a resident on the 1100 block of Ordway Street reported that during the night thieves broke into her garage. At about 11 p.m. on April 8 officers responded to reports that thieves had broken into a gray '89 Ford Mustang while it was parked in a parking lot on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue.

At about 11:45 on April 8 officers stopped a 17-year-old Richmond boy for a vehicle code violation. A check found that although his car registration sticker was for '98 the car had not been registered since September '97. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear. His car was impounded.

At about 12:30 a.m. on April 9 officers contacted an Albany man on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue who was known to have outstanding warrants. He was arrested after a check found that he had a "No Bail" warrant from Albany. He was transported to the Berkeley jail.

On the afternoon of April 8 officers responded to reports of a group of people making noise on a stairwell on the 800 block of Kains Avenue. A check found that one of the group, an Albany man, had outstanding warrants in the amount of \$10,000 for petty theft and auto burglary. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

On the night of April 8 officers responded to the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of two men who were intoxicated and bothering customers. One of the men was found to have a "No Bail" warrant and was arrested.

At about 5 a.m. on April 9 Albany officers were asked by Kensington police to locate the parents of three Albany boys who had been arrested for multiple auto burglaries in the Berkeley, El Cerrito and Kensington areas. There were reports of any of the burglaries occurring in Albany.

On the night of April 9 a resident on the 500 block of Ordway Street reported that his car had been "keyed" while parked in a garage.

During the week of April 10 officers fingerprinted five people, their request, responded to 10 alarms, attended to 10 lost or missing animals, and assisted people locked out of their homes or car (dogs were apparently this week).

### County warns it will enforce smoking ban

County health officials are warning bar, cardroom and bingo parlor operators in Contra Costa County that they will be out checking compliance with state and local smoking laws.

Responding to complaints from residents and business owners, the county Health Services Department says top level staff will be making visits throughout the county to determine whether owners are obeying California's Law for a Smokefree Workplace. As of Jan. 1, smoking is banned in bars, cardrooms and bingo parlors with paid employees — as it is in nearly all other workplaces in the state.

"We've spent the last two months providing information about the law

and warning businesses that were reported by the community as not complying. Now we're going to assume that anyone who is allowing smoking is deliberately defying the law," says Wendel Brunner, M.D., Director of Public Health for the county (businesses can call 313-6268 for more information).

Both smokers and owners can be cited, according to Brunner, who adds that if the District Attorney feels a business is deliberately defying the law, the penalties can be as much as \$2,000 a day per violation. Although there are some exemptions available under the law, Brunner said they are relatively few.

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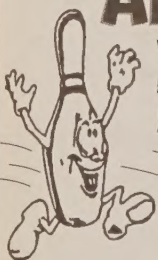
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# New chamber member: Order Knights of Pythias

The Order Knights of Pythias has a primary goal this year is to help underprivileged children and the Pythian Youth Camp at the Canyon National Forest, the lodge's financial secretary, Gene Ellerbach. The camp is dedicated to serving children with an opportunity to experience the natural beauty and the camping provides. The camping season is from June through August and offers seven camps that are comprised of fun-filled days for all children age nine to eleven. Accredited by the American Camping Association, the camp provides six dormitories, kitchen, swimming pool, mountain stream and an outdoor recreation area. The Foundation staff insures that children enjoy themselves at camp. Educational value, personal growth and development are essential ingredients to most activities. Organized activities include swimming, fishing, arts and crafts, softball, volleyball and

scenic trips throughout Sequoia National Park. Every evening campers enjoy a crackling campfire which is accompanied by skits and songs under the direction of the camp's program director.

The Order Knights of Pythias, a non-sectarian fraternal order, was founded near the close of the Civil War on Feb. 19, 1864, in Washington D.C., and was the first fraternal organization chartered by an Act of Congress, welcoming into its brotherhood all men of goodwill regardless of race, color or creed. Pythians work to serve their local communities and the people of their States. The Pythians were well known for their work, raising money and assisting in personal effort in times of disaster including the San Francisco earthquake and fire and the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. They participate in annual drives to overcome debilitating effects of cystic fibrosis and of cerebral palsy through generous

contributions to national foundations what are working to find cures for these maladies. Order Knights of Pythias President Murray Teitel welcomes visitors and prospective members to meetings held every other Tuesday, 7 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Avenue. Phone 525-6158 for information. Donations for the camperships may be made to Ellerbach, 1507 Posen Avenue, Albany 94706.

## Albany's 90th Birthday Dinner/Dance

A group of Albany citizens have gathered together to begin forming a committee to plan Albany's 90th Birthday Dinner/Dance to be held Friday, Sept. 25 at the Veterans Memorial Building. Co-sponsoring with the Chamber of Commerce are American Legion Post 292, City of Albany and Hills Newspapers. After attending several meetings, the location, menu, music and a few other details have been decided. The dinner will consist of

a three course meal, prepared by members of Post 292. There may be exhibits of early Albany days. There probably will not be tickets sold at the door as there is limited seating in the building.

Music is planned for the cocktail hour followed by dance music. The committee welcomes new members and new suggestions and ideas.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 1pm at the chamber office, 1108 Solano Avenue. Bring a bag lunch and dessert will be provided. Phone 525-1771 for additional information.

## Albany Post 292 clam chowder and fish fry

Albany Post 292 will put on their famous chowder and fish fry dinner Friday, April 17, at the Veterans Memorial Building. The cocktail hour begins at 6 with dinner served at 7pm. Cost is \$7 per person. This dinner is usually sold out early so call for reservations now at 526-4487, 525-5230 or 526-0837.

## Albany Day at Races tickets mailed

Albany Day at the Races tickets

## Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



have been mailed to Chamber of Commerce members in hope they will either purchase or sell them. Tickets are a great value. For \$1 one gets free admission, reserved seating, discount on Domino's Pizza and the opportunity to win one of the 50 prizes donated by chamber members. Tickets are also being sold at the Chamber office. Price is \$1 each, six for \$5 or 12 for \$10. The chamber office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## New services for EH Associates

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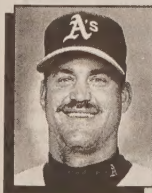
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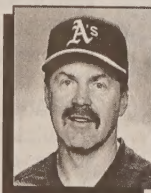
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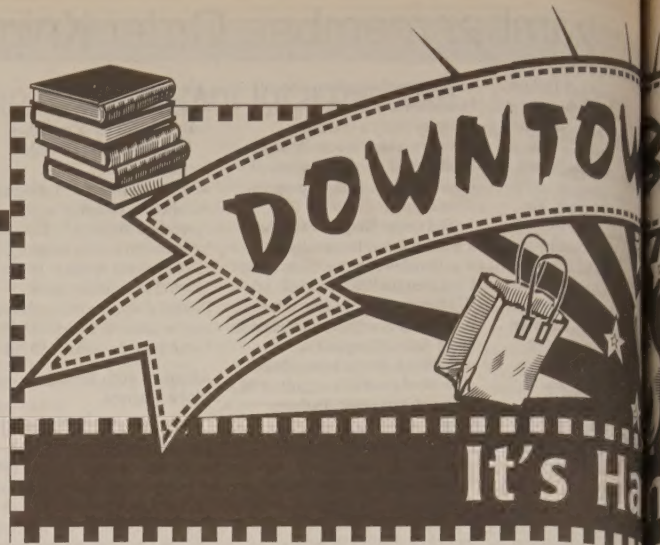
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### What's New in Downtown this Spring

Downtown will show its Blue & Gold proud support of UC Berkeley as they celebrate Cal Day '98 on Saturday, April 18. Planners expect nearly 30,000 guests to descend upon the campus to learn more about the University's offerings. In addition to welcome these guests to downtown, Downtown Berkeley Association and University's Office of Regional Development will sponsor a Cal Day downtown decorating contest for Downtown businesses. Merchants who decorate their storefronts for Cal Day could win the prize: a FREE, one month interior or exterior advertisement on the UC Berkeley shuttle buses. Ad production will be provided courtesy of Graphics Land Productions, Oakland.

Creativity counts. We are looking for original ideas and the best show of spirit. To enter, call 549-2230 by April 15. We can add your downtown business to a list of eligible candidates. The winner will be notified by April 17.

### Center Street Improvements Unveiled

April 21 will mark the eagerly awaited Grand Opening of Center Street. The area enhancements as outlined in the Downtown Berkeley Public Improvements Plan are complete. This eco-city approach to downtown revitalization is a joint project of UC Berkeley and the City which is significantly funded by a Transportation Enhancement Activities grant from the Federal Government. The pro-

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Dinner will be at 5 p.m. For \$5 (cash, not tickets, for all the food and desserts), each plate is barbecued chicken, potato salad, baked beans, a dinner roll and a drink. There will be popcorn, and hot dogs not included in the dinner, and many, many desserts.

At 6 p.m. the entertainment in the newly painted and curtained Multi-Purpose room begins with a school sing along of California songs, followed by another inspiring performance of the Calicanto Singers. At 7 p.m. the play "Pike to Placerville" will begin, performed by the students of Mr. Haney's 4th grade class and Ms. Simpson's 3rd grade class.

A silent auction will run all through the event ending at approximately 6:30 p.m. and will include items such as gift certificates, tickets to events, sport items, music items as well as baskets of items donated by each grade level.

The whole school has been studying the history of the California Gold Rush. There will be an exhibit from each class on the different cultural and historical aspects of that time. The community is invited to come join in on the fun and entertainment and help support the students of Mira Vista Elementary School located at 6397 Hazel Ave.

### Forum on Measure E

The Alliance for Public Education, a coalition of West County organizations concerned with the future of local schools, will present a free public forum on Measure E on Wednesday

April 29 in the Richmond City Council Chambers, 2600 Barrett Ave, Richmond at 7 p.m. The forum will be televised on KCRT Channel 25. Former Assemblyman Bob Campbell, considered one of California's foremost educational finance experts, will moderate the discussion.

This coming June, West County voters will decide the fate of Measure E, the first school bond to be presented to the electorate in over thirty years. Measure E finances the construction of a new middle school at the former Harry Ells High School site in Richmond and school renovation projects districtwide.

Alliance Chairperson Mark Friedman said, "This bond measure is clearly the most important issue facing public education in West County for the foreseeable future. At the April 29 forum we'll present a variety of different perspectives on Measure E from students, parents, teachers, and business leaders."

### Local schools on PBS

In Search of Law and Order reclaiming America's kids is the subject of a three part series on pioneering strategies to keep young people from becoming wards of the justice system. Part I aired on April 10 and parts II and III will air on KQED Channel 9



## West County School Watch

By Glen Price

on April 17 and 24 at 9 p.m. Part III focuses in on the East Bay and includes interview footage with WCCUSD principal Marco Gonzales and Gateway counselor Manny Johnson. The advance word is that it is a very moving and engaging program. If anyone (especially students) would like to write a review of the program for this column, let me know.

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## Albany PTA Council Calendar

By Belinda Lum

### PTA meetings

• **Albany PTA Council** will meet on Monday, April 20 starting at 7 p.m. in the AMS library. The topic is entitled "Where Arts Thou? II". This will be a follow up to the arts meeting that was held last November.

### School board meeting

• **Board of Education** meets on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Cornell multi-use room.

### Special interest meetings

• **Albany Athletic Boosters** meet Tuesday, April 21 at 7:15 p.m. in Room 132 at AHS.

### Events/fund raisers

• **Athletic Boosters Flea Market** to be held Sunday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marin Elementary School yard. If you would like to volunteer or donate items please call 524-8824 or contact Stacy Bock at 526-7631.



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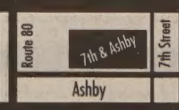
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# man with a 'bug' for the insects of Albany Hill

Robert Langston is a Lepidopterist. He is also interested in many insects, in addition to butterflies and moths, but I love to use this is my one hobby and use it. So, Robert Langston is a Lepidopterist, and a naturalist.

Mr. Langston's interest in butterflies and moths, since his retirement, has been a hobby. He has made a study of them, classified them, and named their "host plants," which is what you will see on the Albany Hill (in the case right next to the bookshelves run by the Hill of the library).

Although I hate to see butterflies and moths pinned to a wall, it is an interesting hobby. Each insect is named, as is the host plant. The plant pages are those which Botanist Robert Langston has been putting together to record all of the plants on Albany's little hill. Together they are an important story.

Langston's career has been interesting, also. For the last 15 years he has done field work in the San Bruno mountains for San Francisco County, monitoring endangered species of insects.

Langston is going through and naming how many of each insect you see at certain times in the places. All of this is being shown on a map that the Hill produces for environmental impact uses.

In addition to this, and for over 15 years, Bob has been curating the California Academy of Science in San Francisco. He is on a volunteer basis, Bob has been working with insects he

has donated to the Academy's collection, as well as those donated by others who have brought them from tropical countries, from Africa and from other exotic places. His own donated insects he has found from all over the United States, but for the most part from the Western states — and from Albany Hill.

He got interested in Albany Hill, he says, because he thought there might be some rare butterflies and/or moths there. Butterflies and moths are vagile (which means they move from place to place), so that the same creatures can be found at Point Richmond or Tilden Park or other places, at various times. Even in your backyard. Langston spoke about this in connection with the work that Erter has been doing in removing plants that do not belong on the Hill. Getting rid of these plants will not hurt the butterflies and moths at all, Langston says. He gives us an example: removing the fennel does not hurt the swallow tailed population, as they are common throughout the Western United States. Another interesting point: one of the moths lays its eggs on French Broom, and the caterpillars can completely defoliate many bloom plants. However, it doesn't kill them, and they will blossom again the next spring. This was noted because others have tried this for environmental control. The insect is very efficient, but there are always more French Broom. In fact, Langston tells us, when an area of unwanted plants, such as eucalyptus, is cut back, Broom will quickly take over because they have seeds that have been there and viable for years. (Don't you love these little bits of lore? I do.)

Butterflies are day time

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



creatures, while Moths blossom at night. Moths, he says, tend to be dull, not as flashy as butterflies, and they are usually smaller in size.

He speaks of the difficulty in counting the butterflies and moths, because some are migrant species that may just pass through in certain years. He lists some of the butterflies such as the California Tortoise Shell and the Painted Lady. The moths, he says, have potentially many more species than are recorded. "Many may just fly in from the surrounding neighborhoods and not really be native to Albany Hill."

We spoke of the monarchs that often cluster on the Hill. They arrive in late August, and, for the most part, are migrants that fly in from throughout the Western states. Since there is seldom any frost or extreme cold, they are found in aggregations in the eucalyptus trees. In warm years they sometimes start to mate as early as February. They are known for the amazing "mating dance" they do, sometimes two or three together. After mating, they will then fly to other places, looking for the milkweed plant, and then fly back laying eggs on the way. There are none of their host plants — milkweed — on Albany Hill.

Robert Langston, who came from San Diego originally, earned his BS and MS degrees at UC

Berkeley, with a major in Entomology. He says he came to Berkeley because he couldn't get his complete major at UCLA. He has done insect surveys in Arizona for the University, and has done numerous field trips for insects of all types all over California for the Department of Biocontrol and UCB. The Department of Biocontrol tries to control those things that get in your flour and such other pests.

His interest in insects dates from his boy scout days, he says, and it has never left him. As noted, he continues his activities and interest since his so-called retirement, thereby helping other people and organizations interested in the field of Entomology.

It was Carole Fitzgerald who suggested Robert Langston to me. She, of course, is the person who has led Friends of Albany Hill since its inception.

And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your input: interesting people, events, organizations, travel, you name it. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is rrgenser@aol.com (and thank you, Denyse Biagi for using it to suggest some interesting people. I shall certainly follow up on them.)

### People

**Margo Winton**

Six Bay area children were onstage when "Show Boat" opened last Friday at the Orpheum Theatre, including Margo Winton of El Cerrito.

The six children were chosen from among 53 who attended an open call audition March 21 and they began rehearsals April 5.

**Lynn De Jonghe**

Windrush School, an independent kindergarten through grade eight, in El Cerrito, has named Lynn De Jonghe to the position of Director.

De Jonghe, a Ph.D. in Education from Cornell University, has served for the past seven years as middle school head at Athenian School in Danville. Prior to that, she was the founding head and director of East Bay Sierra School in El Cerrito.

According to Richard Silberman, chair of the board of directors for Windrush, which serves over 200 families, De Jonghe's "deep experience in independent school leadership and her commitment to the educational philosophy of our school will be welcomed in our community."

De Jonghe will assume the position in July from Elizabeth Fox, who has served as director since 1992. Fox, parent to a child in preschool, will pursue part-time opportunities in the education field.

### Obituary

## Ace Roy Hayes dies at 58

Ace Roy Hayes was a well known political researcher, analyst and teacher who lived and worked for many years in the East Bay and was very much a part of the community. He died on Feb. 13 in Sherwood, Oregon, leaving many friends and followers in the Bay Area.

He was born in North Dakota Jan. 7, 1940. He had lived in Richmond Heights and ran a machine shop, "Ace R&D" on San Pablo Avenue, in West Oakland for many years in the '60s and '70s.

A lifelong political activist, Ace devoted his life to uncovering crimes and cover-ups of our government, fighting tyranny by working tirelessly to make others aware of it.

He is best known in the Portland area for his monthly Secret Government Seminars and his work as an editor and lead reporter of the Portland Free Press. He is survived by his wife, Janet and his father, Fred Hayes of Woodburn, Oregon.

There will be a memorial gathering in Ace's memory in Portland on Saturday, April 18 from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Dance Pavilion at Oaks Park, Portland.

All who wish to share remembrances of Ace's life and work are welcome to attend. For more information (or for help with accommodations), call (503) 625-6150.

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### Children

**April 19**  
**The Buddy Club**; April 19; 11 a.m. - Noon. The most popular clown teachers, Jim Beatty and Paul Margolis do comedy routines in "Happy Clown Theater." Plus Jim Bidi and Paul E. Wog doing a comedy routine and singer Randy McCommons. At The Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany 652-SHOW for more info. \$6 per person (under 2 free).

**April 23**  
**The Quilting Tradition**; 3:30 p.m.; presented by the San Francisco Folk Art Museum. At the Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge, 644-6850.

**Lawrence Hall of Science**  
**Cats! Wild to Mild**, through May 3. Traces cats from ancient times to America's number one pet.

**April 16; Earth Day is Every Day**; 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Hands-on activities and fun games to explore ecology, conservation and ecosystems.

Centennial Drive in Berkeley, 642-5132; \$2 for children 3-6; \$4 for ages 7-

18 and \$6 for adults.

### Ongoing

**The Senin Foundation for Japanese Cultural Arts**; Monday through Thursday, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.; Martial Arts for Kids ages 5 - 14, instruction in aikijujitsu, yoga, healing arts and fine arts for mom and dad; 1053 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 526-7518.

### Classes

**April 18**  
**Two-Class Day**; 10 a.m. - noon; Demystifying Organic Soil Amendments; \$10 general or \$6 for members, no one will be turned away.

Noon - 2 p.m.; Basic Worm Composting; an overview of vermiculture, pre-registration required.

Call 548-2220 for info on either of these classes at the Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo in Berkeley.

**April 21**  
**Tai Chi Chuan** returns to BFUU on Cedar St. at Bonita. Glen Kohler leads Tai Chi and Chi-kung meditation for health and self development. People of all ages and conditions are invited, beginners welcome. For class info call The Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, at 841-4824 or Glen Johler at 845-8485.

### Ongoing

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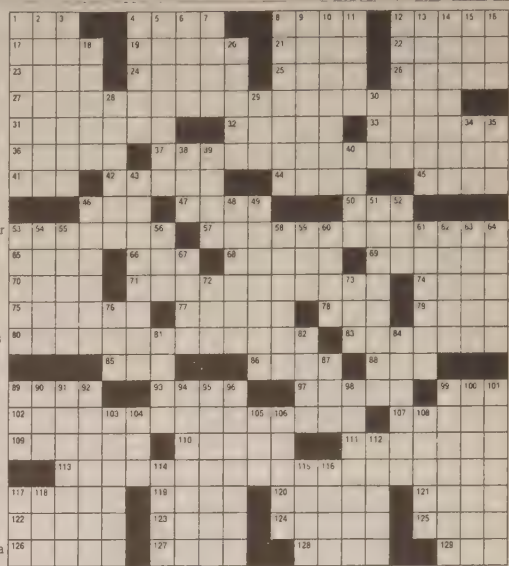


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### April 19

**Celebration of Youth:** Noon - Dusk with free performances of visual art, music, dance and drama in different venues at Berkeley High School, Allston and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, 644-7746. Various free events.

### April 23

**Creative Explorations,** an exhibit of paintings, sculpture, ceramics, drawings, watercolors, and prints; The Art Store, 811 University Ave., Berkeley, 486-2600. **Berkeley Art Museum** Hogarth and His Times: Serious Comedy; through April 19; works by William Hogarth, English Satirical printmaker.

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### The Berkeley Art Center Youth Arts Festival

April 16; Opening reception for the K-12 exhibit; 3 - 6 p.m.; the West Wing features a juried exhibition by 14 to 18 year old students from Berkeley High Artwork by students in grades K-8 will be displayed in the East Wing. Berkeley Community Theatre, Allston and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

April 17; 6 - 7:30 p.m.; Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. Opening reception for the K-8 exhibit, featuring a jazz combo and refreshments

April 18; 4-6 p.m.; Berkeley School Gallery, 2295 Shattuck Ave.; opening reception for Berkeley High School Juried Exhibition

April 19; Noon - 5 p.m.; Berkeley High School, Allston and MLK Jr. Way. BUSD Celebration of Youth Arts (see above)

April 21; 7:30 p.m.; Poetry at BAC. Performance of poetry by elementary school students. Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St.

April 22; 7:30 p.m.; Performance of Poetry, essays and stories by middle school students. \$2 donation.

La Peña Cultural Center Cafe, 3105 Shattuck Ave.

### Ongoing

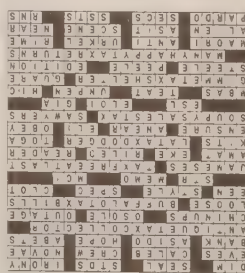
**Doug Minkler presents New Non-Digital Art / Windows '98.** Through May 2. Lighted interface and client server environment open 24 hrs. Addison St. Windows are located one block from Berkeley BART between Shattuck and Milvia. Reception and poster sale April 18; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Shrines of Color, Currents of Light;** through May 15; featuring works by Flannigan, Hulton, Hibberts and Fleming. Reception is April 18; 1 - 5 p.m.; at Anna's 1801 University. The exhibits at the Kathleen Flannigan Gallery, 1807 University Ave., at Grant, Berkeley, 848-9032.

**Berkeley Watercolorists** present Winnie Leonard at Papa's Restaurant, 2026 University Ave. Berkeley, 841-0884 throughout April.

**The Visible Word;** through July 31; An exhibit of ancient and contemporary Byzantine; 7 p.m.; April 28 is the opening reception. At the Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley.

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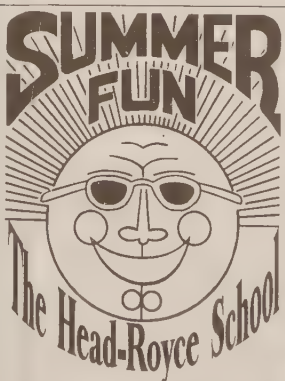
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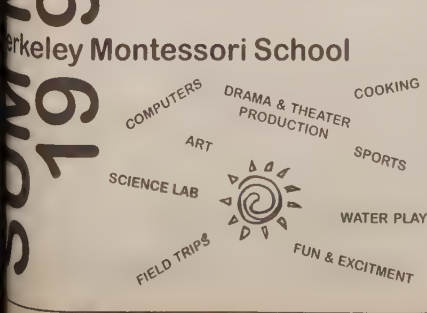
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**Indoor display of fiber and dye plant materials**; through April 19; Take the self-guided tour, free with garden admission. UC Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, in Strawberry Canyon, between Memorial Stadium and the Lawrence Hall of Science; 642-2755.

**Nature & Spirit III**; through May 3; ongoing changing exhibition in all media by gallery artists; ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 843-2527.

**Shields of Protection**; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Process Oriented Art by Tate Pearson; The Rendezvous Cafe, 1389 Solano Ave., Albany; 526-6069.

**The Shape of Her Thoughts**; through May 3; group show featuring Linda Mieklo Allen, Carolyn Castano, Leona Christi and Sandra Wong; Traywick Gallery, 1316 Tenth St., near Gilman; Katina Traywick or Robin Galas, 527-1214, for information.

**"In Celebration of Passover: Contemporary Judaic Images"**; through May 28; an exhibition of lithographs, serigraphs, original paintings and sculptures by leading Israeli contemporary artists; 1307 Solano Ave. Albany, 845-0653.

**"Glimpses of Arcadia"**; through June; works by Albany artist Carlo Ferretti; Foyer Gallery of the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany; 524-9283 for more info.

**A.C.C.I. Gallery Exhibits**: Due to earthquake retrofit construction, call to confirm that the gallery is open. Through June 7; Front Gallery; crafts, "Be an Original," 75 artisans, ceramics, glass, jewelry, textiles; through May 3; Gallery Two; "Nature and Spirit 2"; paintings, prints, sculpture and photo; The Arts and Crafts Cooperative Inc., 1652 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley; 843-2527.

**Kristallnacht: An Installation**; through April 19; portrays in multi-media, an evocation of the night of Nov. 9, 1938, when Nazi mobs attacked a Synagogue. Extended dates by popular demand; The Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, 549-6950.

**Mexican Artist Rodriguez**; through April 28; most recent works at the Cafe de La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 849-2568.

**"Mythical Presence"**; through April 19; a show of larger than life figures in ceramic and bronze by Mark Chatterley; A New Leaf Gallery; 1286 Gilman St., Berkeley, 525-7621.

**"Jewish Pictorial Carpets from the Anton Felton Collection, London"** through April 19; a premier American exhibition of the world-renowned, seminal collection of Jewish pictorial carpets from Persia and the Jewish workshops of prestate Israel; 2911 Russell St.; 549-6935.

## Lectures and Workshops

**April 16**  
**Volunteering: a workshop for high school students**; 4 - 5 p.m.; learn about opportunities with literacy, art, animals, children and the community, computers and more; Berkeley Central Library, 2090 Kittredge St.; 649-3926.

**April 17**  
**The Ernest Bloch Lecture Series**; 4:30 p.m.; continues covering the following Russian Musical personalities: Mikhail Gnesin, David Maggid and Sophie Maggid; Elkus Room, 125 Morrison Hall at UC Berkeley.

**April 20**  
**What is Magic Flux Correctivism?** 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.; West Branch Library Reading Room, 1125 University Ave.

Berkeley.

**Universal Tai Chi Study Group**; 7 p.m.; presents a seminar on the classical art of Tai Chi; Emeryville Marina, Watergate Clipper Club, 8 Captain Dr. 649-0915.

**April 21**  
**Biodiversity and Stewardship: Our Common Responsibility**; 7:30 p.m.; with renowned Botanist, Room 2050, Valley Life Science Building, UC Berkeley. Free.

**Free Intelligent Conversation Discussion Group**; 7 - 9 p.m.; the topic this week: Government. Comparative, why, necessary? Lead by Robert Berend, 527-5332, at the Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut Ave., at Rose, Berkeley. Free and open to all regardless of affiliation or age.

**April 22**  
**How to Bury a Pharaoh: Beyond the Pyramids**; 7:30 p.m.; with visiting fellow in Archaeology, visiting from England, in Room 160, Kroeber Hall, on UC Berkeley Campus.

**An Onstage Conversation on the Media**; 8 p.m.; UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism and Cal Performances at Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph, Berkeley. 642-9988 for tickets and at the door. \$8.

**Youth Activists Developing a Culture of Revolution**; 7:30 p.m.; a community forum for Multi-Racial Justice; La Peña Cultural Center 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

**Lawrence Hall of Science**  
April 16; 7:30 p.m.; Magic Trees of the Mind: How to Nurture your child's Intelligence, Creativity and Health emotions from Birth through Adolescence. Featuring: Dr. Marian Diamond. 642-5134. \$8.

Turning Point Career Center

April 21; Focusing on Job Opportunities in Everything from A-Z. Aquariums to YMCA and Zoos. 6-7 p.m.; \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. And then from noon - 1 p.m.; Volunteer Your Way to a Job; \$3 at the door.

April 22; 7-9 p.m.; How is Your International Experience Valuable Here?; \$15.  
April 23; 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Assess your Career Interests Using the COPS Inventory; \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Tuesdays; 1:30 p.m.; free orientations outlining available resources at the center.  
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## City Commons Club

April 22; 10 a.m.; Religion's Role in World Affairs: Challenges for the U.S. Mark Lynch, Professor, UC Berkeley. \$5.

April 17; Russian American Relations and Related Issues; with Shkarbek S. Osmonov, Vice Consul, San Francisco Consulate of The Russian Federation. Speaker starts at 12:30 p.m.; \$1 admission with coffee, lunch served for fee; 2315 Durant Ave. Berkeley; 848-3533 or 845-4725 for info or reservations.

## Literary Events

**April 17**  
**Poetry Coffee House for Teens**; 7:30 p.m.; teens are encouraged to share their own work or work they admire. Open mike and teens play music. Berkeley Claremont Library, 2940 Benvenue at Ashby; 649-3926.

**April 18**  
**Elizabeth A. Lynn**; 3 p.m.; the fantasy author appears at The Other Change of Hobbit to promote her new novel: *Dragon's Winter*, 2020 Shattuck Ave.,

Berkeley; 658-7176.

**April 22**  
**Poetry Slam to Benefit KALX Radio**; 9 p.m.; doors open at 8:30 p.m.; Ten Bay Area Poets to compete in Olympic Style judging. At the Starry Plough, 2101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Live broadcast on 90.7 FM.

**April 23**  
**Poet Francisco X. Alarcon**, award winner, will be the featured guest in the second part of the series on Latino Writers; 7 p.m.; at Berkeley Public Library's West Branch, 1125 University Ave. 644-6870 for info.

**GAIA Bookstore and Community Center**  
April 16; 7:30 p.m.; Charles Panati, *Sexy Origins and Intimate Things*.

April 17; 6 p.m.; Ray Gatchalian and Gil Friend, *Stone Soup for the Soul*.  
April 20; 7:30 p.m.; Wine and Cheese Reception with Carolyn Tipton and Stephen Kessler: The Poetry of Rafael Albert and Julio Cortazar; 220th Century Masters in Translation.

April 21; 6 p.m.; Cathleen Rountree, *On Women Turning 60*.  
April 22; 7:30 p.m.; Jeremy Narby, *The Cosmic Serpent: DNA and the Origins of Knowledge*.

April 23; 7:30 p.m.; Susan Page, *How One of You Can Bring the Two of You Together*.  
1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA

## Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore

April 21; 7:30 p.m.; *Travelers tales: A Mother's World*, edited by Marybeth Bond and Pamela Michael and Gutsy Mamas: Travel Tips and Wisdom for Mothers on the road by Marybeth Bond. 1385 Shattuck Ave. at Rose, Berkeley, 843-3533.

**Poetry at Cody's**  
April 22; 7:30 p.m.; award-winning poetry. At the Rockridge College Ave., Oakland; 526-5949.

## Meetings

**April 18**  
**California Writer's Branch Meeting**; 10:45 a.m.; Speakers will answer questions afterward. Capistrano to speak. At the Rockridge College Ave., Oakland; 526-5949.

**April 19**  
**Strawberry Creek**; 12:15 p.m.; with David speak on welfare reform. At the School, Martin Luther King, 63rd St., Berkeley, 527-1214, for info.

**April 21**  
**American Schizophrenia Alliance for the Month of April**; 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.; for families of children with schizophrenia; Claremont Branch of the Library. At the corner of Ashby, 841-8361.

**Ongoing**  
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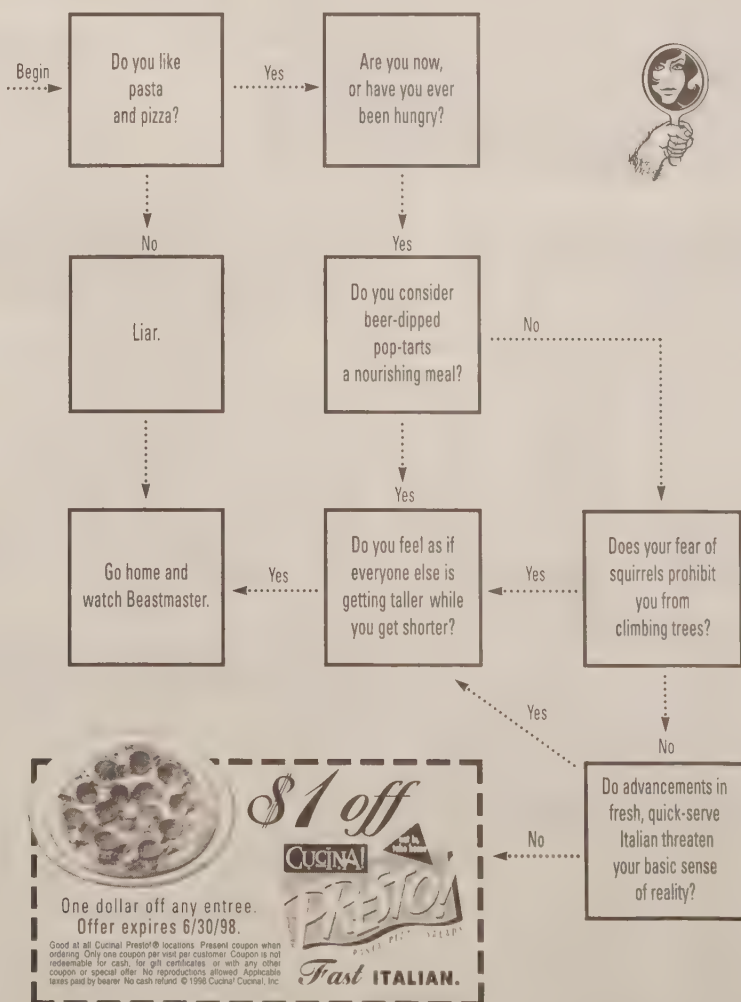
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# Signs

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signs in residential areas must be on private property and may not intrude into the public right of way. Flags and non-commercial holiday displays would be exempt from regulation.

Dean Flint, an El Cerrito resident and a Broker Associate with Prudential California Realty, spoke before the council and it was clear he didn't like the proposed ordinance. He asked two questions: What is the need of the ordinance and is it reasonable in its application to Realtors? He said the law is a "restriction" on business and "an impractical ordinance in some respects."

The "need" or impetus of the new ordinance is probably Robert Powers and his larger-than-life aborted human fetus signs. Powers, who attended the council meeting with his son and was wearing a T-shirt with the message "chose life" printed on it, displays anti-abortion signs in a pick-up parked in the driveway of his Santa Fe Avenue home. While speaking to the council, Powers held a placard above his head and said that since it was now more than five feet from the ground, such a sign would be illegal under the new ordinance. Powers said his right of free speech comes from God and the constitution and added "God had something to do with this First Amendment."

Noting that real estate and "open house" signs on the public right of way will be made illegal, councilmember Norman LaForce asked: "Are we really going to enforce that?" The city attorney answered: "We have to."

The first reading of the new ordinance passed 4-1, with LaForce opposed. To become law, it must be approved twice which is expected to happen at the next council meeting.

Storm water assessment

In other business, after hearing from Mori Struve, the city's Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager, the council unanimously voted to increase the storm water utility assessment from \$16.50 to \$23.50. This will generate about \$239,000 per year to be used to keep storm drains and catch basins clean, to restore city creeks and sweep streets. El

Cerrito is part of the Contra Costa County Clean Water Program as part of the federally mandated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. In his report before the council, Struve noted that while the program creates a "slight economic burden" for property owners, the activities undertaken "contribute to a cleaner El Cerrito."

## General Plan process

The council also heard from City Planner Edward Phillips about the General Plan Work Program developed by consultant Moore Iacofano Gotsman Inc. (MIG). MIG was retained by the city earlier this year to facilitate and assist in developing a new General Plan. The state mandated plan must be developed and implemented by May 1, 1999. MIG's plan of action includes a "vision festival," several community workshops and council/committee work sessions. A four-person citizen Process Team was chosen recently by the council to assist in the work. Phillips described the process as "driven by public involvement." Some people in the audience and on the council seemed less than impressed with MIG's work. Process Team member Clark Sanford said the outline seemed "put together fairly quickly." He also said that he wants to make sure there is time allowed for plenty of community input. Kathleen Perka, another Process Team member, asked the council not to accept the work program until the team has had a chance to meet and review the document.

Councilmember LaForce described the MIG program as "an excellent starting document," and reminded the council that the state "can be very unforgiving" if the General Plan deadline is missed. Councilmember Gina Brusatori said "the calendar is still too vague," and pointed out several places she wanted MIG to add details to the plan. For example, she wanted the transportation section to include a traffic study along Arlington Boulevard and she wanted the open space section to look at the Mooser Lane area recently on the council agenda. "We want people to comment early and often," Brusatori said.

Councilmember Larry Damon didn't seem impressed with the docu-

ment. He said the process had to "get past the fuzzy warm thinking assurances." In the council packet, MIG had inadvertently misprinted a page in the program and Damon said of the mistake: "This doesn't show me diligent work." Mayor Jane Bantke told Phillips and the MIG people present at the meeting: "We like more detail," and Councilmember Mark Friedman said "We need to see some specific dates here." In the end the council decided 4-1, with LaForce opposed, to refer the work program to the Process Team and take up the issue again at its next meeting.

## Meetings will be on radio

In another matter, the council voted unanimously to begin radio broadcasts of its meetings within the next few months. Philip Morgan Jr., the general manager of El Cerrito High School's radio station KECG 88.1 FM, will soon start broadcasting the meetings. The broadcast fee will total about \$1,000 per year and broadcasting equipment and microphones are expected to cost about \$5,000.

The council also voted unanimously to support Measure A, the library sales tax initiative, and to support a resolution to extend the 14-hour Interstate 80 carpool lanes to include the Bay Bridge. A resolution to support state Proposition 216, the political contributions by union members measure, passed 4-1. Councilmember Damon opposed the resolution, saying the proposition would let the worker "have a say as an individual," and that the council had plenty of community issues to deal with without debating state and national issues. Saying that the resolution was like "Mark's cigarette thing," Damon said the council shouldn't be addressing "this kind of business when we have more important business to come together on."

The council also voted 4-1 to increase a variety of city fees. Councilmember LaForce voted against the item after noting that since inflation is low he didn't think the city should be increasing fees. Among other changes, business license tax rates will increase 3.0 percent, police citation sign-offs for non-residents will now cost \$5 and returned checks of \$10 or more will have a penalty of \$25 instead of \$10.

# Agree

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Police Protection and Community Services District, last week. As proposed, Wolter said, the police department's new — if temporary — home will be adjacent to its current offices. The police board was expected to vote on a fire board proposal Wednesday night.

Though the political scene in Kensington — an affluent, unincorporated area of 5,000 that receives the majority of its services through Contra Costa County — might be considered relatively sedate, members of both boards found themselves besieged by citizen protest following February's eviction notice. The eviction generated stories in both the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *The Journal*, as well as on the Channel 7 news, and drew dozens of angry parents and community members to board meetings over the last month.

"It got a lot of play and a lot of people saw it. All of that helped tremendously," said Houghton. "The (police) board did not seem to know how many young families rely on us...I think the number of people who came out, it was just tremendous."

## Services

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to pay for. She said it could be a matter of "lowering our desires or raising our revenues," and she noted that if the community wants "Cadillac services" it must be willing to pay for them.

Bartke urged the program participants to be willing to "look outside the box," and said the council "has no predetermined idea of where we're going with this."

In 1996, a similar citizen process recommended a \$75 tax assessment, but the (then) council put a \$125 tax

measure on the ballot as Measure H, and it failed. With memories of Measure H troubles in the air, Bartke promised the audience "We've made a commitment to listen very carefully to what you want."

Seawall Glinternick, manager of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, read a statement approved recently by the Chamber board of directors. "At all times we must keep in mind that the pockets of this community's taxpayers are not bottomless," Glinternick read. The Chamber recommended "the shortest possible

and the overall goals and objectives of the plan, to provide "the lens that you want us to focus our work through."

Albany resident Dario Meniketti felt the lens should focus on pedestrian safety and dangerous crossings, such as Marin Avenue. He suggested placing "safety islands" at busy streets to aid pedestrians, while others called for more clearly striped intersections to help slow traffic and keep drivers aware of those afoot.

Victoria Wake, a local and regional transit advocate, called for the city to work with groups such as the Chamber of Commerce to provide incentives to those who travel by bike

the proposed reduction, Police Board member John Ream said he felt the cost would fall even further, and moved to rescind the eviction notice as soon as a proposal was in hand.

The meeting was attended by more than 40 community members, who lined the walls of the police board's tiny, one-room meeting hall, giving short bursts of applause at each indication the eviction would be rescinded. The eviction notice, sent Feb. 20, gave the preschool six months to clear out, although Police Chief Jim Bray said the preschool's building — which is owned by the police district — was but one of four options being considered.

Had the eviction been carried out, some 80 preschool and elementary school-age children would have been left without day care unless the school found its own temporary home.

In addition to decrying the loss of the school, some community members also questioned the viability of operating the 10-member police department out of the building, which sits in the middle of Kensington Park in close proximity to the area's elementary school.

"sunset clause" which is practical," and noted that the question should be: "What services and facilities are we willing to pay for?" not, which ones would we like.

Program participants suggested and voted on various meeting ground rules.

They will meet again on April 21 as one group called the "committee of the whole." The notion of breaking into smaller study teams was voted down for the present, although subcommittees were not ruled out for the future.

or mass transit, and reiterated Ely's feeling about speeding buses. Traffic and Safety Commission Chair Evan Flavell pointed out that crosswalks by themselves might provide pedestrians with a "false sense of security," while School board member Bill Cain said a punitive approach to automobile travel probably "won't fly."

According to Ekern, consultants will now set out across the city with radar guns and traffic counters to find data to back up whatever changes are eventually made. Additional meetings will be held in late June, at which staff and consultants will reconfirm what they've heard so far and present the data they've acquired.



■ Martin Snapp

**How Tweet It Is:** O joy! The Piedmont High School Birdcalling Contest is coming back!

For those of you who just moved here in the past few years, let me explain.

It all started back in 1963, when a biology teacher at Piedmont High named Leonard J. Waxdeck was looking for a way to get his students more interested in what they were studying; namely, birds.

Then he got an inspiration: Why not hold a birdcalling contest? It was an immediate hit. The first few years, the contest was held in Waxdeck's classroom. But so many students and teachers from other classes kept dropping in to catch the fun, they finally had to move it into the auditorium.

That's when it really took off. Before long, the Birdcalling Contest became the hottest ticket in the East Bay. Not just students, but grownups, too, pulled every string they could to get their hands on one of the coveted ducats.

Every year, the Piedmont High auditorium would be packed to the rafters with students, parents, alumni, VIPs and news media. The sight of the students, dressed to the nines, good-naturedly making fools of themselves screeching and squawking, soon became an annual staple of the TV news.

Then, in 1975, Johnny Carson got into the act. He was charmed by the kids, and he was smart enough to know a good gimmick when he saw one. Every year, he flew the winners of the contest down to Burbank to appear on "The Tonight Show," and he treated them like royalty while they were there.

This became an annual "Tonight Show" tradition. Piedmont grads still talk about the '86 show, when brothers Tim and Jonathan Metcalf did the call of the Common Murre (which sounds like a long, loud belch), and Carson quipped, "I sure feel sorry for their parents!"

Or the '78 show, when Jim Bowman shrieked the mating call of the Snowy Egret, and Carson said, "Gosh! That was so exciting, I want to mate, with Jim myself!"

They also remember how nice Carson was to them. (They have less fond memories of Ed McMahon). And the food at the NBC Commissary, The Hungry Peacock, which, despite Carson's running jokes, was great. And the cute little bulldog that always sat at Doc Severinsen's feet, just out of sight, all through the show.

For many of them, it was their 15 minutes of fame. And, of course, the \$400 residual checks, which arrive in the mail every time their show is rerun somewhere, don't hurt, either.

(Except for the students from the '85 show, who never get any checks because their show is never rerun. That day, the headlines were full of rumors that Carson was mixed up in the John DeLorean scandal, and Carson began his monologue that night by saying, "I want to make it clear that all the things that are being said about me are absolutely untrue." Listening in the green room, the students sighed, "Oh no! There go our reruns!")

But in 1992 Carson retired. Two years later, Waxdeck died from a sudden heart attack. After 31 years, it looked like the Piedmont High School Birdcalling Contest was over for good.

But now I'm thrilled to report that the Birdcalling Contest is making a triumphant comeback. And it has been resurrected, not by a teacher, but by two students: seniors Mandy Gruber and Sara Thierman.

Drama teacher Joe Piazza has signed on as faculty advisor, and there's even talk that longtime birdcalling coach Dale Porter may come out of retirement to help get the ball rolling again.

The contest — the first in four years — will be held June 5. Sara and Mandy promise it'll be just like old times, replete with mock-serious speeches and celebrity judges (including Olympic gold medal winner Johnny Mosely).

But there will be a few changes: Gone is the embarrassing "Miss Birdcalling" contest. (Thank God!) And in a concession to '90s sensibilities, the traditional post-contest party will feature apple cider instead of champagne.

And, of course, Len Waxdeck won't be there, although his spirit will.

If you want a ticket, you'd better move fast because the Piedmont High School auditorium only holds 500 people; and it's first come, first served. Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$5 for students. (That includes admission to the party afterwards.) Send your check to faculty advisor Joe Piazza at Piedmont High School, 800 Magnolia Ave., Piedmont, CA 94611.

And if you can't get a ticket, don't despair, because another Birdcalling Contest tradition has been revived. Since Johnny Carson is retired, this time the birdcallers are going to be on "Late Night With David Letterman." The date: June 15.

By the way, yet another venerable Birdcalling Contest tradition was the great pride Waxdeck took in announcing the colleges the birdcallers would be attending the following year. So in that spirit, let me announce that Mandy will be matriculating (a favorite Waxdeck phrase) at Brown and Sara is off to Yale.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in The Journal. Phone him at 273-9039; write c/o Hills Newspapers, 2396 Domingo Way, Berkeley 94705; or e-mail catman1@creative.net



■ Bill Mann

**Sein of the Times:** The "Seinfeld" "final four" episodes start next Thursday night, with the count down to the big May 14 final episode, the so-called "Seinfeld" finale. Some readers have asked if I'll get the last episode beforehand? Probably, but I'll bet NBC will want a super-secret closing scene that was taped last week.

I've been doing research for a big daily newspaper piece on the finale, rounding up synopses of all the shows while also trying to figure out my own favorite 10 episodes. The Contest? The Outing? The contenders, of course, and they might well be. Best list. But I already know my all-time favorite in the spirit of Seinfeld secrecy, we'll save it for mid-May. It's an episode I haven't even seen in reruns. In the meantime, the number of "Seinfeld" web pages I've found are astounding. There are only quotes from each episode, at least 10 sites solely to Kramer (Michael Richards), a couple for Newman (the rotund Wayne Knight). So jog your memory: E-mail or mail me YOUR favorite "Seinfeld" episode; provide as many details as possible; and why you liked it. Finally, courtesy NBC, a "Seinfeld" trivia question (answer below): Q. What's the name of Kramer's Mom?

**Irish Spring:** Let's hope the Northern Ireland takes hold. Last week's climactic events called for a conversation I had with a colleague, former TV critic Mike Dougan, now a reporter at the *Washington Post*. Dougan was fresh from a reporting trip to Belfast. I realistic perspective I haven't heard on TV news unfortunately.

Dougan, who is Irish, told me that in all the time was in Northern Ireland, hardly anyone had inquired about his religion. "That's because The Troubles have nothing to do with being Catholic or Protestant," said. "You know what this is all about? Whether you're pro-British or anti-British."

Since that conversation, I've asked others who have been to Northern Ireland, and they agree with Dougan. I'm sure the Brits aren't too thrilled about the troops there anyway. And even though it's admittedly simplistic, I'm no fan of the IRA or the other serious Jerry Adams, but if the Brits would say "ridiculous" and just leave, the situation might improve dramatically. Just look at the map. Do these extremists/British wannabes in Belfast believe in any danger if Northern Ireland was part of Irish republic? Get real.

**Internet Voyeurism:** I have a great web site to check out. Most of you know what a superb tool the Net can be, how you can use search engines like Yahoo, Excite, etc., to find information on just about any subject. My son, who works at a Portland company and is a serious Nethead, turned me to one when he was home recently that I think I enjoy. One search engine, Magellan, has a site that lets you see what searches others are doing. It's updated constantly, so just keep the "Reload" button on your Web browser to get it.

In one three-minute period this week, I searched on Magellan: "Lost in Space"; "meat"; "masterbation" (sic); "babes"; "gourmet lamb"; "bestiality AND movies"; "crack"; "skirts"; "pink row"; "skin AND friction"; "Leonardo DiCaprio"; "romantic warrior"; and "South Park." An instant barometer of cyberculture, Magellan's "Voyeur" found at <http://voyeur.mckinley.com/cgi-bin/voyeur>. Have fun!

**MEDIA ROUNDUP:** KFSO's Clinton-bashing morning man Lee Rogers, who was a moderate when he came to KGO in 1984, now refers to the incumbent alternately as "the hillbilly whorechopper from Arkansas." Meanwhile, his sidekick, conservative traffic reporter Melanie Morgan, recently called a Democratic Party official a "son of a bitch" during a shouting match. Too far emphasis. Mel repeated it next day, too. Speaking of Reichstag Radio, if you tuned in KFSO on Easter, that was Sacramento conservative Alan Stock from KST Radio filling in for Barbara Simpson. Stock, whose morning-drive show can be heard in most of the East Bay (at 650 AM), has been sending demo tapes to Morgan's hubbly. KFSO exec Jack Swanson, for years, Persimmon off. Stock also has done fill-in for libertarian crank Jim Eason, who's holed up in a basement studio in Jesse Helms' home state going on five years now... "Seinfeld" trivia answer: Babs.

Among the funny "Ironic Celeb Deaths" listed to me by one reader: "Jenny McCarthy — starved to death by random thought"; "O.J. Simpson — murdered by real killer" in apparent suicide; "Madonna — overexposed"; and "Al Gore — Dutch elm disease." New KTVU weekend anchor trout Julie Hahn previously co-anchored in Seattle with, ironically, former Channel 7 anchor Frank Kracher. Hahn met the other day at KTVU that Kracher's now anchoring in Eason Country, North Carolina.

"Ironic" part: Kracher, after leaving KGO-TV, worked at Channel 2 as a reporter. KTVU newsman Zehnder told me at the time that he wanted to be Kracher, but there wasn't an opening. Now Kracher is stuck in the Tarheel State and Haener's here.

I spoke to longtime CBS-TV White House correspondent Robert Pierpoint the other day. Pierpoint, who covered six Presidents over a 20-year span, is now retired and living up at Bodega Bay. He was interviewed on two one-hour shows airing on two Tuesdays at 9 on Rohnert Park PBS station Channel 22. (The Pierpoint reminiscences will be on all PBS stations.) I asked Pierpoint about John F. Kennedy's well-publicized philandering and Sen. Hirsch's new book, in which former Secret Service agents claim JFK habitually hired hookers.

Common knowledge Kennedy was an adulterer, Pierpoint acknowledged. "We didn't report on it, of course," Pierpoint laughed at the hooker part. "JFK didn't have to hire women," said the old CBS newshand. "He had an enormous amount of money. He could see that plenty of women were out there." One night, she was chatting with my wife and I at dinner. The next day when I spoke to her, she ignored me. The same thing happened the next day. I saw her. Like I said, she was strange. Poor little and all that.



# Arts & Letters

## world of fantasy at 12th annual Wondercon

### Comics

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the Bay Area as a professional cartoonist. "I like meeting people," Wheeler said. He is doing comics "like performance art without an

in the 'origin of the idea of Too Much Coffee Man' story. "Nobody wants to hear you invented it as a gimmick. They want to hear that you invented him in the third grade." In May, Dark Horse Comics is releasing a 166-page collection of *Too Much Coffee Man*. Wheeler also puts out a line

Gaiman, creator of *The Sandman*, in an autograph line. "I saw Neil Gaiman, and showed him a drawing. He liked it, and suggested I draw it up as comics pages and send it to his editor. It was kind of a resume in comics form."

Soon, Amaro was the artist on *The Sandman*. He has since worked as an artist on another Gaiman creation, *The Books of Magic* monthly series, written by John Mey Rieber, and a Rieber-scribed mini series, *Mythos*.

WonderCon has not stopped being a source for Amaro. At this

year's 'Con, he intends to shop around a project he has collaborated on with other local talents. Oakland resident Steve

Englehart is probably best known as the creator of *Night Man*, a Marvel comic that has made the transition to television. But chances are, if you've read comics in the past 20 years, you've probably read one he has written. His credits include *Batman*, the *Silver Surfer*, *Captain America*, the *Hulk*, *Green*

*Lantern*, and the *Avengers*. With wife, Terry, he has co-authored a series of young adult mystery adventure novels, *The DNAGers*. He has also written for animated television, including a new *Captain America* series, and he designs video games, like the *Superman Multi-path Adventure*, the first of six parts is due out around Christmas.

Englehart has no real preferences for the media he writes in. "Basically I write adventure fiction in whatever format. If I can tell a story that entertains me, then I don't care what medium it's in. There are pluses and minuses in any medium. I try to focus on the pluses."

"In comics, you can have more freedom because it's a smaller budget in all directions. In television, you have to worry about the cost of things. In comics, you can have 10 thousand people, but in television you have to pay all those people. At the same time, in television you have real actors saying your lines."

"I recognize that I'm sort of a cultural artifact. I like the interac-

tion with people who liked what I've written. Or who didn't like what I've written. I don't go to show off, or have my ego stroked. But all writers work in a room alone. This is a way for me to complete the circuit. If I don't go, then the circuit isn't completed."

The event will entertain an anticipated 10,000 people with celebrity appearances; sneak previews of movies, comics and video games; an auction to benefit the Literary Volunteers of America, Northern California Chapter; the Harvey Awards (the

"Oscar" of the comics field); an exhibit by the Cartoon Art Museum; the U.S. premier of the film "The Return of Captain Invincible" (1983) starring Alan Arkin; and over 100 comics and collectibles dealers.

The hours are Friday from noon - 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information, call the WonderCon information line, 464-1120. Tickets are \$12 advance, \$15 at the door for one day admission, or \$30 advance, \$35 at the door for a three-day pass.



Marvel Comics



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Superman, now celebrating 60 years since his creation, prepares to fly into action.

### May, Dark Horse Comics is releasing a 166-page collection of 'Too Much Coffee Man.'

When you go to a comic book store, you meet people who are into your stuff, you communicate with them. The idea for *Too Much Coffee Man* developed while Wheeler was sitting in a coffee shop. "This was a turning point, but I was just thinking up something that would be popular." The idea was to do a "really great pun" of a super hero's name. He was advised not to put any of this

of merchandise, including T-shirts, patches, coffee mugs (of course), sponges, and toilet paper. "I love it," Wheeler said. "The satire of the self."

Gary Amaro, also a resident of Berkeley, got his start at WonderCon. After attending UC Berkeley, and before finding a "serious job," Amaro wanted to do some comics work. He brought his portfolio to WonderCon. After watching artists "getting their portfolios ripped to shreds by editors," he found writer Neil



Jeff Lindquist

Steve Englehart holds up some of the many comic books he has created over the years.

### Events

#### of Berkeley

showcasing the Best of Berkeley" takes place Sunday from 5:30 to 10 p.m. with a fundraising no-host reception, catered dinner, art auction and jazz concert. The concert features special guest Osvaldo, Mingus Amungus, the Berkeley High School Jazz Band, and excerpts from Berkeley High's "City of Angels." The event takes place in the high school plaza with the concert in the Schimley Little Theater at Allston and Martin Luther King. The event benefits the Performing Arts Department at Berkeley High School, is wheelchair accessible, and is sponsored by the Berkeley Development Group. Tickets are \$20-\$75. Details: 654-6346.

#### Happy Clown Theater

The Buddy Club presents its final performance of the season on April 19 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Ave. Popular clown teachers Jim Beatty and Paul Margolis perform their physical comedy routines to the stage as "Happy Clown Theater." Singer Randy McCombs has been called "The King of the Music," as all the kids correct his every twist and turn of his family sing-a-longs. Tickets: \$6, under age 2 free. Details: 652-SHOW.

#### musical comedy at the piano

Helen Hughes will present a recital "Homage to Erik Satie's Laundress" at 7 pm Sunday, April 19, at the Berkeley Piano Club, 2724 Haste Street, Berkeley. There is no admission charge; contributions will be accepted. Accompanied by Mr. Randy Craig, Hughes will sing her own comedy songs, and in addition guest artists Kathryn Ankenman and Anna Albanese will sing two selections from Mrs. Hughes' musical-in-progress "Girl of the Limerlost." Reservations advised, seating limited. Details: 845-4621.

#### Mad & Eddie Duran

CD release party for Mad & Eddie Duran's first CD, "From Here to There," will be held Thursday, April 23 at Mister E's, 2284 Ave. in Berkeley. Two shows are scheduled, at 8:30 p.m., the first, and at 10:30 p.m., the Latin set. Tickets cost \$8 and are available at the door, or by calling Mister E's at 2009 or 762-BASS.

#### Century season closer

The Bay Area's Grammy-nominated New Century Chamber Orchestra will conclude its season with a concert at the Oakland Music Center, 1000 Broadway, on Friday, April 24, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$45. Details: 462-1120.



Jeff Teller

Ann Homrighausen (center) heads the cast as the free-spirited title character.

## 'Mame' translates well to the small stage

By Phyllis Lyon

The Masquers coax the blues right out of the horn in a razzle-dazzling production of *Mame*, author Patrick Dennis' affectionate tribute to his eccentric Auntie Mame, whose motto is "Life is a banquet and most poor suckers are starving to death."

The saga of Mame's adventures goes back a long way, appearing over the years as a book, a play, a movie and the 1966 musical. A multi-talented cast of Masquer singers and dancers, directed by John Hull, put a delightful spring back into auntie's step and she comes up fresh as a daisy.

Angela Lansbury launched a new career as a darling of Broadway musicals in the original *Mame*, followed by Carol Channing, Lucille Ball and a non-singing Rosalind Russell

in the movies.

But it's hard to imagine that any of them did it better in the bigtime than Ann Homrighausen does on the Masquers' small stage. The statuesque Homrighausen looks the part, sings like an angel, exudes Mame's flamboyant charm and is smashing in glittering '20s dress.

Three Masquer actors get equally high marks for outstanding performances in supporting roles. Eleven-year-old Troy Guthrie has future-star quality all his own as the orphaned Patrick who, guided by his aunt's unorthodox child-rearing notions, learns to "live, live, live."

Judy Rae Whiting, with fine blouzy hauteur, plays Vera Charles, famous Broadway actress and Mame's best friend. And Valerie Knowles is very funny as Agnes Gooch, the timid secretary who blossoms in more ways than one under Mame's wing.

From her posh New York apartment to the Matterhorn, from Peckers Down in the North to the Upson plantation in the Old South, from down and out to fabulous riches, nothing or no one dismays Auntie Mame.

Not the stuffy banker (played by a gruff and ready Robert Wood) who would turn Patrick into a straight suit if he could.

Not the Southern belle (played with broad enthusiasm by Susan Amacker) who underestimates Mame's way with a horse and would steal her husband if she could. Not the bigoted Upsons (Linda Brooks and Michael O'Brien, also doing a comic turn as Mame's mother-in-law) who would wiggle their way into Mame's sophisticated set if they could.

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## Series puts classical music in reach of all

Saturday, April 18 at 8 p.m., at the Richmond Auditorium, 402 Civic Center Plaza, Oakland East Bay Symphony under the baton of Music Director Michael Morgan will feature Bela Bartok's "Music for Strings," "Percussion and Celesta," Johannes Brahms' "Double Concerto for Violin, Cello and Orchestra" with violinist Rache Barton and cellist Joseph Johnson as guest artists, and the premiere of "Year-Wheel" by Bay Area composer Sarah Michael.

By Wanda Sabir

There's a direct correlation between decreasing cultural activities and increasing violence, particularly among the youth in urban environs. According to the National Police Chief's Reports, for every \$1,000 cut from such funding, \$5,400 goes into additional police services. The old adage "music is soothing to the soul" is not an idle one given these statistics; however, Richmond Mayor Rosemary Corbin wasn't thinking of this when she approached Oakland East Bay Symphony Director Michael Morgan with the idea of doing some family concerts at the Richmond Auditorium. She just wanted to share her favorite pastime with city residents without having to ask them to travel all the way to Oakland.

Three years later, on the eve of Saturday's concert, (the third in a four concert season,) Brad Baxter, Richmond's Recreation and Cultural Services Manager, says that this relationship has been a fruitful one, with a steady increase in attendance, with

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# Series

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Baxter cites as creative marketing strategies and corporate underwriting, from major funders like Chevron, plus in-kind donations from agencies like BASS tickets and the Police Activities League.

Developing audiences and sharing music with families and kids is the city's primary concern, so at the last concert (in February), Baxter extended an invitation to all of the mentor programs in Contra Costa county and neighboring Alameda and Marin counties. The response was overwhelmingly positive to the event, which featured several Richmond youngsters on stage performing in what symphony director, Michael Morgan calls, "side by side" concerts — young performers, from the local public schools on stage playing with the orchestra, literally "side by side." Baxter, an adult mentor himself, invited his own "little brother," to the symphony (his first). Many in attendance had never attended a symphony concert before that evening, however, most vowed, it would not be their last.

Morgan is a marvel in action behind the baton. This is only rivaled by his ability to make classical music "listener friendly." He has a wonderful way of sharing his joy and love of the music, as he introduces each piece. The typical OEBS audience listens with an educated ear to what's going on stage — the level of awareness and appreciation, not only noticeable, but palatable.

"Some people will, of course, be able to grasp everything right away because they have a lot of concert going experience, but if you don't,

you'll need someone to kind of help you understand that you actually understand a lot of it and shouldn't be afraid to say so," he says. "That's really the big part also, getting people to feel more comfortable with everything" that's happening on stage.

When Morgan arrived in the Bay Area from Chicago in 1990, he set out to craft a niche in the classical music scene here that not only made sense for Oakland, but didn't repeat the repertoire of other symphony orchestras like those in Berkeley or San Francisco. He chose to focus on public school education, that is, building a performing arts base within local elementary and secondary school systems, supporting the Oakland Youth Choir, as well as introducing the work of young composers and musicians, many of whom also live in the Bay Area.

This weekend's concert is no exception. It features Contra Costa Country composer Sarah Michael's "Year-Wheel," a work that describes the course of the seasons in a Mediterranean-like year, similar to the climate in Richmond. "The piece begins with the dry season, when nothing is happening but a slow ripening... then the thunder and rain begin with scattered drops and build [into] a real rain—a prolonged soaking that brings sweetness, relief and reflection. The spring fugue [is] a musical form that has two distinct characters: the 'growing' character, which is fairly steady rhythmically and dynamically, and the agitated or high-contrast character, which I mean to represent the wind, a real presence in the spring. "Year-Wheel" gathers energy as it goes, and ends in a burst of joy and gratitude, my own reaction to the spring," writes composer Michael.

Usually Oakland East Bay Sym-

phony audiences have a chance to engage in conversations with composers and musicians in pre-concert lectures.

"Because we use so many new composers, it's just nice for our audience to actually get to meet the people and have some explanation of modern pieces— what the composer is going after," Morgan says. "And then it gives the audience a much better chance to see if they've actually accomplished whatever they were after."

"The contemporary music wasn't being especially well-covered by other orchestras around here — the 'emerging American composers' slot really wasn't being addressed by any one company. Berkeley does a lot of contemporary music but it's more established people, and San Francisco does a lot of contemporary music but that's altogether more conventional even than Berkeley. I just wanted have a place where people could take some chances."

He said called the kind contemporary music OEBS is doing "pretty 'audience friendly,'" adding, "our orchestra is really a stepping-stone for a lot of people... it's a point of entry into the whole business of attending classical concerts. So I wanted music that would serve as an entryway, so maybe if people [took] an interest in more difficult contemporary music then they could go on [over] to Berkeley or the San Francisco Symphony and hear other kinds of contemporary music."

Morgan, who received his formative musical education in the public schools of his native Washington, D.C., later studied conducting at Tanglewood and made his operatic debut at the Vienna State Opera after winning a conducting competition.

Recognized as one of the United States' most talented young conductors, he has waded his baton the world over from Oregon, Colorado, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Detroit, to Vancouver, Berlin, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Although Morgan has acted as assistant conductor of the St. Louis Symphony, still conducts for the Chicago Symphony, and recently served as guest conductor for the Buffalo Philharmonic, this is his first job as musical director, and to put it mildly "he's loving every minute of it." Extremely accessible, Morgan enjoys nothing better than going into a local supermarket and having a kid say, "Didn't you visit my class?" Or a cashier ask, "How are things at the Symphony?"

Morgan's commitment to European classical music includes other musical traditions as well, like "jazz," which he has featured as part of the varied seasons OEBS has offered over his eight-year tenure. Under Morgan's direction, OEBS has established a relationship with the Oaktown Jazz Ensemble and made the gospel treat "Let Us Break Bread," a part of the regular season, as he continues to sustain a candid dialogue with public school students on the relevance of such study, in light of his own roots and journey in a discipline that remains relatively closed to African Americans.

In a time of shrinking budgets, Morgan has had to remain flexible, taking his OEBS on the road so to speak, where you're liable to catch them anywhere—in neighborhood churches, (Beth Eden in West Oakland), at colleges or universities, (Cal State Hayward, Mills College), with mass choirs (Oakland Interfaith, Oakland Youth Chorus, Oakland Symphony Chorus, Laney College Cho-

## 'Sweet Charity' takes stage at St. Mary's next week

The Visual and Performing Arts Department of Saint Mary's College High School of Berkeley presents its Spring Musical production of "Sweet Charity" in the campus Fine Arts Auditorium for 7:30 p.m. performances on April 23, 24 and 25. General admission is \$8, students are \$6 and inquiries may be directed to 526-9242 (ext. # 409).

"Sweet Charity" is a journey and celebration of "true love". It is a rousing and bitter-sweet song and dance study of a genuine and generous young woman, Miss Charity Hope Valentine, who is in search of "love" with all the wrong men in all the wrong places.

An adaptation of Federico Fellini's oscar winning film "The Nights of Cabiria", "Sweet Charity" was originally staged for Broadway by director/choreographer Bob Fosse with book and music by Neill Simon and Cy Coleman.

Artistic director Antone



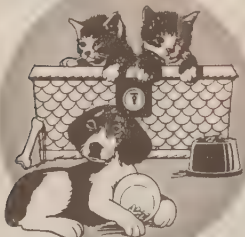
'Charity' (Patricia Heltz of Richmond) and 'Oscar' (Jonathan Butcher of Albany).

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ral), and yes, in Richmond, grooming a simultaneous season with an East Bay sister-city. If you want to see the Oakland East Bay Symphony in your neighborhood, Morgan says, "Don't hesitate to call."

Tickets are Adults \$8/adults; \$4/ students and seniors; \$1 kids over 5; under 5 free. Details: 620-6792; Hotline: 620-6787. The last concert

of the season is Saturday and features the Oakland East Bay Chorus with the Piedmont Girls Choir in Argo Bongo shaking." "Prologue to Mozart," the West Coast premiere of Aric Hagen's "Postcard America" (OEBS premiere of the phony No. 2" in 1993) and Von Beethoven's "Symphony



# Pet Talk

A Special Feature of the Advertising Department



TALES FROM THE DOG HOUSE...

## 'Tis The Season

There is nothing worse than fleas. They are the house guest that never leaves. And when a flea problem hits, nobody is safe. Your pets become irritated and uncomfortable. The family is overrun with flea bites and itching. It is even embarrassing when friends and neighbors visit.

The flea "high season" is quickly approaching (June through November for the Bay Area), and experts are suggesting that this summer will be particularly bad. Fortunately with a little planning and help from new anti-flea products, you can change this season from "fleas as usual" to "no fleas at all."

### Fleas Bite

Flea related diseases account for more than 50 percent of dermatology cases presented to veterinarians.

Chronic itching, Flea Allergy Dermatitis causing "hot spots" on pets' skin, anemia, and transmitted infectious disease are all problems caused by those pesky fleas.

The life cycle of a flea has four stages: egg, larva, pupal and adult. Ninety-five percent of the insect's life is spent in the first three stages. But, an adult flea can live as long as four months on your pet, consuming 15 times its body weight in blood daily. Adult female fleas lay up to 50 eggs per day, many of which fall off your pet and into carpets, beds and yards. Flea eggs can lay dormant for long periods of time, waiting for just the right moment to hatch. Flea problems can get out of hand quickly.

### The Flea Market

Fortunately, there are a number of

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Each of these new flea products has distinct advantages and some disadvantages.

Check with your veterinarian about which treatment may be best for your pet. Most vets agree that flea problems should not only be treated on your pet, but in your indoor and outdoor environments through diligent cleaning and non-toxic sprays. Remember to clean the car in which your pet travels too.

Plan ahead as the flea season is quickly approaching. Your pet and family will thank you.

Tales From the Dog House is written by the staff of Every Dog Has Its Day Care, a fun active day care facility for dogs. Look for us again next month in Pet Talk. If you have topic suggestions or questions, please send them to Every Dog Has Its Day Care, attention Tales. 1306 65th St., Emeryville, CA 94608.

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by Dr. Sylvia Graham, Shattuck Cat Clinic, Berkeley

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For example, pets that normally spend a lot of time outside will be confined more to the home. Territorial marking may occur in cats as well as dogs. Cats that are used to eliminating outside may be reluctant to use a litter box indoors, or may be less tolerant of soiled or shared litter boxes. This reluctance may lead to inappropriate elimination. Some cats are more prone to develop urinary tract problems under these conditions. Keeping the boxes clean and in a quiet place is particularly important.

Disruptive behaviors may appear in an otherwise non-agitated animal. Misdirected aggression or other disruptive attention getting behavior

may develop. Excessive grooming, licking or chewing may develop. Appetite may increase or decrease. Fortunately many of these problems are short lived, and we have had enough breaks of good weather to allow most animals a return of normal activity.

Long term effects that may appear after the storms are over: the storms and rains will lead to a bumper crop of foxtails this summer. Foxtails are pointed spike-flowing grasses that find their way into dogs feet, nose and ears and often under the eyelids of cats.

Fleas and ticks will flourish, so aggressive flea control early in the season will save your pets needless suffering later in the summer and fall. Paying attention to these warning signs and potential dangers now will help your pet "weather the storms of El Niño."

You may contact Dr. Graham's e-mail K9CATDOC@aol.com.

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## Events

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mark the finale for the 1997-98 season. They will perform a program of works for string quartet by Schubert, Shostakovich and Mendelssohn at the First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Ave., Berkeley, on April 16 at 8 p.m. Tickets: (415) 392-4400.

## Symphony

### Orchestras spring

The Kensington Symphony Orchestra ushers in spring with a performance of Copland's Appalachian Spring on Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1500 Sonoma St. in Richmond. The program also includes Symphony No. 1 by Shostakovich and Russian Rhapsody No. 1 by Liszt. Tickets are available at the door, \$8 general, \$6 seniors and children under 12 free. Details: (510) 525-4796.

## Sunday night live

Caribbean Spice Restaurant, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents another Sunday evening live entertainment featuring Gregory Joe Bledsoe and Source on April 19 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets: \$10, not including dinner. Details or dinner reservations: 843-3035.

## Young Artists

### Repertory Series

Come help the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts kick off its 10th anniversary year with a

celebration of youth artistic achievement. Tomorrow at 8 p.m. the Center presents its ninth annual Young Artists Repertory Series, a kaleidoscope of rare, traditional and cutting-edge music and dance featuring the talent of Richmond/East Bay teens under the guidance of master artists/mentors. YAR features artistic works from Mexico, West Africa and Laos, a powerhouse jazz ensemble, gospel singing, contemporary chamber music and a steel pan orchestra.

The event is at the Richmond Auditorium, Richmond Civic Center, 403 Civic Center Plaza at the corner of 25th St. and Nevin Ave.

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 under 18, students, and seniors. Details: 234-4864.

## Scottish fiddling

The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers, under the direction of Alasdair Fraser, will begin their spring concert series with a performance at the Julia Morgan Theater on Friday, April 17 at 8 p.m. The concert will include selections from most of the diverse musical styles which make up the Scottish fiddle tradition, including the haunting melodies of the ancient Gaelic airs, the driving rhythms of the Highlands strathspeys and reels, and the rollicking tunes from the Shetland Islands. In addition to the selections performed en-masse by the 40 member fiddle ensemble, there will be solos by Alasdair Fraser, one of Scotland's finest fiddlers.

Admission: \$12 general; \$8 seniors over 65 children under 12. Tickets available at the door and

at the Fifth String in Berkeley.

## Evening on Squirrel Hill

Join members and friends at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley on May 2 for "An Evening On Squirrel Hill." An enticing appetizer banquet will accompany the silent auction, followed by a buffet dinner and splendid desserts provided by the Bay Area's finest bakers.

The event is 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the church, 1 Lawson Rd. in Kensington.

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art and more. The centerpiece of the evening will be the live auction featuring such items as tickets to theater and sporting events, vacations, paintings, wine tours, crafts by local artists, collectibles, garden items and much more. Winning bids may be paid by cash, check or credit card.

A highlight of the event will be a potpourri of musical selections by Bay Area musicians, including the strolling gypsy violin of Donna Lerew. A performance of Broadway show tunes will showcase soprano Francine Lancaster, baritone Macatee Hollie and tenor William Gorton. Lancaster, winner of the Met Auditions, debuted at Lincoln Center performed at

the Paris Opera House, and recently performed in Kurt Weill's *Nanna's Lied* with the San Francisco Ballet. Hollie, winner of the Leontyne Price National Competition is a music teacher in the Oakland Public Schools. Gorton is a leading performer with Pippon's Pocket Opera.

The cost per ticket is \$15. Guests are urged to purchase tickets early. Orders for tickets must be received by April 26. Tickets will be held at the door on the night of the auction. Checks should be made out to UUCB and mailed to First Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, CA 94707.

## Impact Theatre debuts 'Sweet Self' on April 24

Sixteen-year-old Rachel Schaffran, a sophomore at Berkeley High, is now rehearsing her role in Impact Theatre's upcoming *Sweet Self*, a new play written by Zay Amsbury and directed by Impact Theatre Artistic Director Josh Costello. Rachel will play Annie, a Santa Cruz teenager whose friends — all a few years older and deeply involved in the drug scene — are all she has to turn to when she becomes the victim of a brutal attack. But this tightly-knit group is in danger of being torn apart by the theft of some drug money and a deeply buried secret.

Rachel has studied with the American Conservatory Theatre Young Conservatory and has appeared on stage at Berkeley High. "The whole process has been a lot more serious" than high school

plays, she says. Impact Theatre is building a reputation for putting on plays, like *Sweet Self*, that speak to teenagers and twentysomethings with characters that think and talk like real people in the here and now. "It's more like being a real person," Rachel says. "I could see [the show] being really together, really tight. The cast is good — it's people, it could be us, so that's exciting."

Zay Amsbury has written about 15 plays, receiving productions such places as UC Santa Cruz, Boston University, NYU (where he won last year's New Plays Festival), and Impact Theatre. Zay is a graduate of Arrowsmith Academy in Berkeley, and this is the fourth of his plays to be directed by Impact Theatre Artistic Director Josh Costello, who is a graduate of El Cerrito High. The cast

includes Marin Van Young of the Shotgun Players herself a graduate of Berkeley High, and Frank Wortham, writer/performer of last season's *Inhaling and Love Song* Later and the upcoming *House of Lucky*.

*Sweet Self* opens Friday, April 24 and plays Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. through May 16 at the North Berkeley Senior Center on the corner of Hearst and Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Berkeley. The opening night performance will be followed by a party/reception — tickets are a \$10 donation for students and TBA members, or a \$20 donation for general admission. Tickets for all other performances are a \$5 donation for students and TBA members, and a \$10 donation for general admission.

Details: 464-4468.

## Mame

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Joe Repczynski is the grown-up Patrick, maneuvered by the wily Mame out of an engagement to the upstart Gloria Upson (Hillary Waits) and into marriage with her decorator, Pegeen (Donna Hyatt).

Robert White plays Mame's chief admirer, the ill-fated Beauregard Burnside who rescues her from behind the toy counter at Macy's and Dan Morgan, a kick as the house boy who sees her through thick and thin.

Costume designer Tamara Plankers recreates the jazzy period glamor with a shimmering array of sequins, velvet, furs and feathers.

Jerry Herman's bouncy tunes and witty lyrics, which further *Mame's* plot in the best tradition of American musicals, were orchestrated by Michelle Hinton and are brightly rendered in the Masquers' pit by the original hot Hors D'Oeuvres.

The Masquers' highly entertaining *Mame* makes it easy to understand the old girl's longevity. Bossy and brash she may be, but she's all heart.

And her never-say-die philosophy is so catching, audiences are bound to come out of theater vowing to step up to the banquet.

*Mame* plays on stage at the Masquers Theater, 105 Park Place, across from the Hotel Mac in Pt. Richmond, every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. through May 16, with 2:30 p.m. matinees April 19 and 26 and May 3 and 10.



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## Mother's Love for Your Pet

by Laura K. Fischer

Three years ago a kindly soul called me at the Advertising Office of Hills Newspapers about advertising for her new pet sitting service called Mother's Love. Owner Wendy Burch had a solid background in caring for animals and wanted to put all of her efforts into starting a pet sitting service of her own in the East Bay. I told her about our Pet Page and encouraged her to advertise. She did and today Mother's Love is in such demand, three helpers have been hired to help service satisfied clients.

I had been searching for a reliable pet sitter for my cat, Padder, and became Mother's Love's first client. Three years later, I have no doubt about the quality care he receives. The result is reassuring for pet owners who need to leave town, yet want to provide their furry loved ones with quality, loving attention. "My philosophy about animals is strong," says Burch. "When we take responsibility for these living, feeling friends, we have made a commitment to them as important as any other relationship in life."

Wendy treats her pets (and yours) as if they were her children. Her intuition is remarkable. "If an animal is unhappy, they will tell you," she says. "If they are happy, they will let you know in no uncertain terms."

These concepts of nurturing are passed on to her staff. "The qualities I tell my helpers to embody are a strong love and respect for animals," she says. "They are required to give undivided attention to the client's needs and carry a deep sense of responsibility for maintaining the client's trust."

Trust and security are a major factor in Mother's Love quality care. "So many clients have told me their pets 'tell them' how safe they felt when Mother's Love pays them a visit,"

says Burch. This feedback always brings a smile to Wendy's face. "My work is joyful," she says. "Animals open us up to a simple, yet profound gift which includes unconditional love."

Mother's Love offers a variety of services for pet owners. Puppy Love Consulting is a puppy and kitten care, training and consultation service. Happy, Healthy & Home offers a cat and dog sitting service that includes feeding, petting, love, play, exercise, brushing and medication when needed. The Happy Hiker Club is a daily dog walk on hill trails or in the neighborhood you live in.

Wendy has many interesting stories to tell, but one of them stands out above the rest. Recently, one of her clients passed away. His Newfoundland puppy, "The Chief," was only six months old when Mother's Love began caring for him. A year later, his owner made a provision in his will for Wendy to inherit his dog. After his death "The Chief," now 2½ years old, lives at the Burch household with their three other dogs. This is an unprecedented legacy, one that Wendy takes on with pleasure, and of course, love.

The stories about Wendy and Mother's Love are not only heartwarming, they are life affirming. There is a certain magic at work here for pet owners in search of care for their special creature. In the words of Jodie Pronovost of Oakland, "I want to thank you for making Mother's Love such an excellent pet sitting service. I no longer feel concerned about leaving my pets because I know you will care for them while I am away. I will not hesitate to use Mother's Love again."

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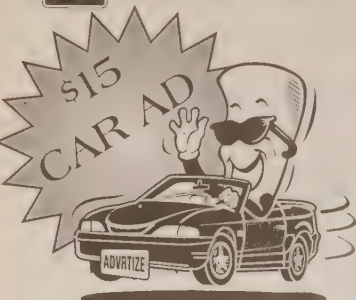
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**GE** washer, \$175; GE refrigerator \$250. Possibly delivery. Tool shed \$50. 525-2254

**AMANA** upright freezer, white, great condition. \$150. New BOSCH stand alone chopping block with knife holder \$150. 510-530-5800

## 604 Garage & Estate Sales

**The Berkeley Voice or The El Cerrito Journal** Garage Sale regular deadline is Monday at 11 a.m. For more information call 339-8777.

## CONSIGNMENTS WANTED!

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**ALBANY**, 846 Macdonald Ave, Albany Senior Center. Saturday, April 18th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. White Elephant Sale, also Handycrafts and Bake Sale

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**OAKLAND**, 1559 Mountain Blvd. Saturday 10am-2pm. Infant, children's toys clothes, equipment. Maternity clothes. No earlier

**OAKLAND**, 1120 Warfield Ave. near Wildwood Friday/Saturday, 9-2. Dining room set and more

## ESTATE SALE

**OAKLAND**, 2306 57th Ave Off Bancroft (Mills College) Saturday & Sunday 10-4. Antiques, collectibles, books, lots of stuff

**PIEDMONT**, 242 Palm Creek Moving Sale! Furniture, household items, tools, CASH ONLY! Saturday 8:30am-2:30pm

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Office Closets, Executive Desks, Chairs, File Cabinets, Spanish Wall Shelves, Lamps, Refrigerator, Phones, Air Conditioner, Supplies. 428-0424 Apartment

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**WANTED**, An old toy train Lionel, Marx, American Flyer. Yes. 547-1278

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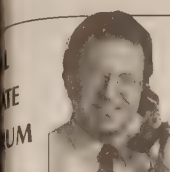
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## A passion for nature

Two local artists Gretchen and Alasdair McCondochie will exhibit their works at the Red Oak Gallery located inside Red Oak Realty, 1891 Solano Avenue, Berkeley.

The show entitled "Passion for Nature: through paintings and photographs will be on display from April 6 through July 24.

Gretchen was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1961, the youngest of five children. She received her AFA from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1982, and a BFA in drawing from the California College of Arts and Crafts in 1984.

She is self-taught in oil painting, which she started after graduating from art school.

Her subject matter is directly related to her childhood on the East Coast both emotionally and otherwise. She currently resides in Berkeley with her husband, Alasdair.

Alasdair was born in Oakland in 1968. Since early childhood he has frequented the Sierra Nevada where he found both beauty and

adventure.

After graduating from the University of Oregon with a B.A. in journalism, Alasdair began traveling and photographing. Using a 35 mm camera for more mobility, he has traveled to America's Southwest, Northwest, Rocky Mountains, Alaska, Maine and most recently India. In each place, with each image, Alasdair seeks to bring back the essence of peaceful solitude.

"John Muir once said, 'Nature's peace will flow into you...while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.' To convey this ideal, I seek images that will remind viewers of the wonders of nature, and will help them remember the special places and peaceful feelings they have experienced in nature," Alasdair said. "In doing this, my hope is that viewers will develop an interest in preserving the environment both for themselves and for future generations."

To view or purchase these beautiful paintings and photographs, visit the Red Oak Gallery, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. through Sat..



## OAR president at Home Buyer's Fair

Joan Alford, President of the Oakland Association of Realtors will be a panelist on April 18 at the Oakland Home Buyers Fair.

The Fair is sponsored by the Fannie Mae Foundation and the Golden State Warriors. The Fair is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 at the New Arena in Oakland. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

The Fair brings together all the information consumers need to get started on the path to home ownership. In a friendly environment, consumers may talk to lenders, real estate agents, affordable housing groups, credit counseling agencies, and others from the mortgage industry about different aspects of the home-buying process.

Several one hour workshops will be held through out the day on topics such as choosing a home, qualifying for a mortgage,

Alford will participate in the panel workshop entitled "The Art of Buying a Home That will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

resolving credit issues, getting affordable, low down payment loans.

Alford will participate in a panel workshop entitled "ABC's of Buying a Home" which will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Alford is a Realtor and a well Banker in Oakland. She can be reached at 339-1114.

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**SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN CHARMER!** \$199,000  
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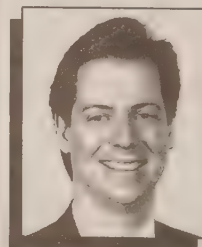
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#### Friendly Berkeley Bungalow

This delightful Berkeley bungalow includes many wonderful details. The gleaming hardwood floors reflect other natural wood details, including a lovely built-in hutch in the formal dining room. A traditional brick fireplace brings warmth to the living room, which also features classic floral molding at the ceiling line. A sensible floor plan provides for excellent separation of space between the two bedrooms and the rest of the home. The kitchen features a fully functional chrome top Wedgwood stove along with a convenient dishwasher. There is a landscaped, sunny backyard. 2BD / 1BA. Offered at.....\$192,000

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## Boy, what strange tales could I weave

For instance, I once wrote about a wonderful house we'd seen on tour. I was so excited about it that I raced back to the office and started writing. I faxed the column to the listing agent and asked if he or his seller would have any objection to it being printed. They liked the column very much, the agent replied, but the seller didn't want it published.

Although the house was not described by street, price, city, or even size, the seller felt that someone might recognize it as hers. For

lem with his credit or cash until we were in a most uncomfortable position. Only then did he admit he had lied.

Often things that I see and love don't make it into my columns because they are glimpses, lovely to consider but without any particular theme. Just recently, I saw a beautiful built-in, double-door dining room cabinet which was arched at the top.

Hanging next to it was an old portrait in an oval frame, the curve perfectly duplicating the curve of

### I don't write some stories because they are strange, off-the-wall, hopefully never to happen again.

some reason she didn't want that; I threw the column away.

There are many stories I don't write. The best part of this business is the friendships that we make. I could write about our friends much more often than I do except that sometimes I'm at a loss for words: The elements that make up the special quality of our caring and subtle and difficult to describe. It's also possible that you'd find me too gushy.

I don't write some stories because they are strange, off-the-wall, hopefully never to happen again. Like the one about our seller who was committed to a mental ward a few days before he was to sign his deed. I never wanted to write down that story.

Nor did I tell about the tenant who removed large foundation sections from a house on a steep downslope. I just didn't want to think about it anymore.

And I don't write about things that make us feel stupid and sad like the one about the man who assured us that there was no prob-

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## Dedication to community translates to professionalism



Kudos to (from left to right) Joan Simmons, Henriette Green, and Lois Harris of Prudential California Realty (Grand Lake office) for their outstanding commitment to their trade association, the Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR) and the Oakland schools. They have served in the Oakland Schools volunteer programs and have helped fingerprint kids for the Oakland Police Department. Joan and Henriette both serve on the OAR's education committee, and Lois serves on the association's board of directors. Their commitment to community is reflected in their professionalism; each provides the best in client service. They can be reached at 834-2010.

and a baseboard added where there was none. The seller also removed light fixtures, without hanging replacements.

Or there's the one about the seller who stripped the carpeting off the stairs leaving only the disintegrating padding. He also took all the light bulbs and the mailbox. But why think of these things? They're only depressing.

One seller of a rental house drove us crazy. The tenant had caused some damage to the countertop which he wanted to make right in order to get his security deposit back. Figuring that it was the buyer he would need to satisfy, the tenant offered repair money to the buyer.

Everyone was happy with the arrangement except the seller. He'd been left out of the circle and his feelings were hurt. He refused to let the tenant pay the buyer and he wouldn't refund the tenant's deposit. A frustrating experience for the agents, one not worthy of further discussion.

Most often the stories that never get written are sweet stories, nice

to know but too short to fill a column. These are the smooth-running, good-ending sales. They are the reason we continue to do real estate. We like our clients; they like us. We do our part, they do theirs and, sometimes when we're lucky, something especially good occurs along the way.

Recent sellers, for instance, ladies in their eighties and nineties, were moving out of state to a planned community that did not allow pets. Their two cats would have to stay behind. Could we find a buyer who would care for them?

We said we'd certainly try. As

luck would have it, precisely the right buyers came along, a couple with a teenage daughter who truly wanted those cats. In the contract under included personal property was written: Stove and refrigerator; also Stripes and Julius.

When they read the contract we had faxed to them, one lady said to the other, "You see, Stripes and Julius have been officially adopted."

Now there's a nice ending.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoiff are licensed agents and area specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

## Attention seniors

Montclair Better Homes invites senior homeowners to a free seminar from 1 to 3 p.m., Sat., April 25 at the East Hills Community Church, 12000 Campus Drive in Oakland.

If you've been asking yourself, "where do I go from here?" this

seminar is for you. Learn about tax laws and asset protection, residential communities and residential care facilities. See just where the current real estate market is headed and what it may mean to you.

For more information call about the seminar, call 339-8400.

## WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT SELLING HOUSES FROM SELLING SATURNS.

In one of my past lives -- when I was a writer in advertising -- I was lucky enough to work on the Saturn account. Funny, though, when we first got a look at the car, we thought, gosh, it looks just like an Oldsmobile Cutlass. What are we going to do?

The answer, it turned out, had really nothing to do with sheet metal. But everything to do with ... people.

What a concept for a car. And as a matter of fact, what a concept for real estate.

I just have to wonder, what if you sold houses the same way you sold Saturns? You know, just told it like it was. Treated people like you wanted to be treated. See, it turns out, selling Saturns wasn't so much about selling a car ... as it was about building a long-term relationship with the people who bought Saturns.

So what if instead of slam bam, thank you ma'am, you could work with, well, a real estate

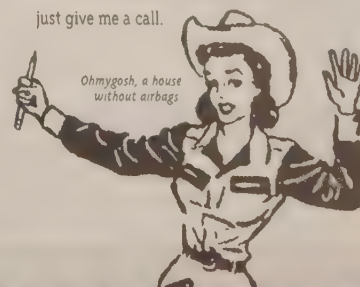
"consultant." Someone who didn't sell houses like a used Chevy ... but marketed them like the several hundred thousand dollar investment they've

become. With marketing strategies like position-

ing, targeting and packaging -- for people. Now, I realize that may mean going against some of the conventional wisdom of real estate. But then, it wasn't

supposed to work for Saturn either. So if you'd like to join with me, defy some conventional wisdom and develop a "Saturn-like" marketing plan for your house, just give me a call.

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In fact, as noted above, if a married couple has a capital gain under \$500,000, they owe no taxes on the gain, ever. What if you don't buy another house? No problem. No tax, even if you never buy another residence and rent for the rest of your life.

### Restriction lifted

This change alone will affect millions of homeowners when they sell. But now there is no "onetime" restriction. A homeowner can establish a principal residence by living in a property for two years. After two years, the homeowner can sell the home and avoid any capital gains taxes under the exclusion limit. And this process can be repeated an unlimited number of times.

Who does this impact? People who buy fixer-uppers, live in them for at least two years, sell them for

a profit and move on to the next property. As long as the gain is under the limit, they owe no taxes.

Who else? If you happen to own your residence and also some income property, here is some food for thought: Joe and Mary Homeowner have owned their home for 30 years. When they purchased their home, they also purchased a small house for investment. Now they are thinking about selling their real estate and retiring to a rental condominium in Hawaii.

The gain on their principal residence is about \$300,000. No problem there. As we know, since the gain is under the limit, they owe no capital gains taxes.

### A real boon

What about their income property? When they sell, since they have depreciated the property down to nothing, they calculate their capital gain will be \$250,000. If they sell and do not exchange into another rental property, they will owe

20 percent capital gains taxes on the sale, or about \$50,000. That is less than the previous 28 percent ceiling of last year, but \$50,000 is still a lot of macadamia nuts.

But the new tax law comes to Joe and Mary's rescue: They sell their residence, which as we know will be a tax free transaction. They move into their rental house to establish the property as their principal residence.

After two years, they sell the house and move on to Hawaii. Since they are selling their principal residence once again, they owe no capital gains tax, as long as the gain is under the limit.

But, you say, what if Joe and Mary would rather have root canal work than live in that tiny rental house. There is a solution. Joe and Mary exchange their rental house for another income property—perhaps the house next door, perhaps even a condo in Hawaii.

If they follow the rules of exchanging income property, they will

defer their capital gains tax. They must be careful to maintain the exchange property as income property for a period of time. Eventually, however, they can move in. Two years after they move in, after having established the property as their primary residence, they may sell it and owe no capital gains taxes, keeping in mind the exclusion limits.

### Follow the rules

Think about it. Those who are lucky or smart enough to have

acquired an income property which has appreciated in value might give some thought before they sell to either moving in, or to exchanging it for another property that will eventually serve as their principal residence. You must carefully follow the rules to make this scenario work, but the substantial tax savings can make it worthwhile.

My thanks to Jim Anderson, partner in the Oakland accounting firm of Mowat, Mackie and Anderson. As we know, tax rules are not

simple. Needless to say, it is important to consult a professional whenever you have questions relating to tax planning.

Bob Blumberg is in his 10th year of listing and selling real estate. He is co-owner of Oak Realty, Top of Solano Realty. Contact him at 339-0400 (x132), or blumberg@redox.com. Be sure to visit Redox website (www.redox.com) to register to be notified immediately of all new multiple listings.

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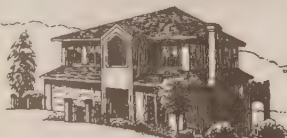
### Featured Home



123 PARKSIDE DRIVE, BERKELEY.....\$730,000  
JUST LISTED! J. Hudson Thomas Berkeley Shingle, 4BR, 3.5BA, study, fam rm off kit, elegant living rm, dining rm w/fireplace, sitting room off master, delightful private yard, 2-car garage, best location in desirable Claremont area. Chris Christensen ext. 242



#1 OAKWOOD CT.....\$579,000  
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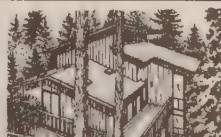
7020 DEVON WAY.....\$710,000  
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## Women on the Web

H. W. Moss

The Small Business Administration has a new Website for women, but anyone can take advantage of the free tools found there.

From marketing and public relations techniques to live scheduled online discussions in which women are invited to participate, the Website (located at [www.onlinewbc.org](http://www.onlinewbc.org)) even explains how to sell goods and services to the federal government. The Women's Business Center is divided into five primary areas. The Marketing Mall contains marketing, advertising and public relations articles and ideas. The Finance Center are articles on such topics as bookkeeping and income taxes.

The Management Institute offers advice on professional development, human resources and effective leadership. The Technology Tower discusses business equipment and how to use the Internet.

And at the Procurement Place is a discussion of what the federal government needs and way to go about selling to them.

"We're here to help you succeed as an entrepreneur," reads an introductory paragraph on the site.

"Whether you want to become your own boss or find information on how to run your business better, we have the information and resources you need." The site does have corporate sponsors but their advertisements are not blatant. More like PBS commercials.

The "About Us" page explains how the site is the fulfillment of a vision shared by the SBA's Office of Women's Business Ownership and the North Texas Business Women's Development Center in Dallas. Every business person should drop in to learn how to the Net as a sales and marketing tool.

Finding a way to use a Website effectively is one of the biggest problems confronting any business today. "I found three things I was impressed with at the site," said Gloria Minarik, Assistant District Developer for Business Development at the SBA's district office in San Francisco.

"One was the fact it has a lot of in depth information on how to start a business and expand a business. It tells you what needs to be in a business plan, how to go about getting financing, what your local resources are that can assist you."

The second thing Minarik was impressed with was the page that

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You wouldn't trust your health to an unlicensed doctor, so why would you trust your financial health to an unlicensed or unregulated seller of insurance? Unfortunately, many Californians today don't realize that they get insurance advice and purchase insurance policies from unlicensed people.

This growing trend is of concern to licensed independent agents and insurance brokers because we believe consumers are entitled to know that the person advising and selling them insurance is fully trained, properly licensed and subject to state regulatory oversight.

Yet, three bills pending in the California Legislature this year would exempt certain individuals

and groups who sell insurance from licensing requirements or provide for little or no standards.

State Assemblyman Howard Wayne, D-San Diego, has proposed a bill, AB 2164, creating limited license requirements for some retailers who sell credit insurance products and allowing most others within that industry to continue to sell insurance without a license.

Insurance company representatives who solicit directly to consumer or work in a customer service center and assist in the selling of a policy should be licensed.

However, AB 2169, sponsored by Assemblyman John Lewis, R-Orange, expands licensing exemptions for insurance companies by excluding employees who assist

## Buyer beware

agents in selling insurance.

When consumers purchase insurance from car rental agencies, they are most likely buying coverage from someone who is unlicensed. Sen. Ross Johnson, R-Irvine, has proposed a bill, SB 1633, allowing this practice to continue by exempting from licensing requirements all employees who sell rental car insurance.

If insurance companies, credit insurance and car rental businesses prevail in their legislative attempts this year, consumers will be left unprotected in two ways.

First, consumers could not be guaranteed that the person who sells them insurance has met state licensing requirements.

When consumers purchased insurance from a licensed independent agent or insurance broker, they know they are receiving coverage from a professional who has met the state's strict continuing education requirements.

Second, the California Department of Insurance derives a por-

tion of its funding from licensing fees. If these special interest groups are excluded from licensing requirements, the Department of Insurance will be deprived of a source of income, further reducing the agency's ability to fund oversight activities such as consumer complaints, investigations and enforcement.

In addition, increased licensing revenue would allow the Department to reinstate a number of consumer protection programs that were cut because of a budget shortfall last year. This is a very simple issue for insurance consumers. If a person sells insurance, that person should be licensed.

The current hedgepodge acceptance of who should and who should not be licensed within the state Insurance Code, and exacerbated by pending legislative measures, makes a mockery of consumer protection. However, consumers can ensure that they are purchasing insurance from a licensed

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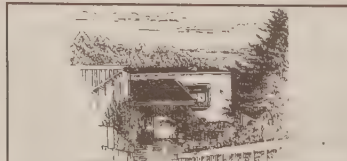
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## Treat plants right

Treat your plants as you would treat your friends. Feed them, water them and give them light. And if they're sickly, please don't nurse them in the rooms where you receive guests. If you can't bear to throw out a plant, make room on your back porch for the "plant hospital." There are few things more unattractive than an anemic, straggly plant with only a few leaves.

## No corners

And now that you have only healthy thriving plants in your home, never, or hardly ever, put a plant in the corner. This rule applies especially to large plants.

An indoor plant serves many purposes. It softens a harsh line, like the line of a television or a computer. It can cut the height of something tall like an armoire or bookcase. It varies the textures in a room, especially if there is too much glass or wood. It can create a room divider and, it can even fill an empty space.

A corner simply defines the shape of the room. It doesn't need filling or softening and doesn't need to be varied. A corner exists; we don't need to worry about it.

The only exception to this rule might be when a corner is near a window showing lovely outdoor foliage, and plants in or near the corner would bring the outdoor greenery inside visually. In this case you probably would want two or three plants to define the outdoor theme.

Try taking all your cornered plants out of the room. Doesn't it look better already? Now place your plants so that they relate to what is around them. Do you see plants or foliage depicted in any of your artwork? Putting a plant near that piece of art would enhance the theme. Is there an empty space where you could center the plant?

This could be half a wall or a narrow wall that is unfurnished. Center the plant on the unfurnished section. Yes, even if this wall sec-

tion is near the corner. Centering the plant on the wall section near the corner is worlds away from putting the plant in the corner.

## Dressing a plant

Don't skimp when choosing a container for your plant. If the plant is larger than the pot, and you don't want to invest in a larger one, consider a larger basket with a plastic dish inside the basket to catch runoff water.

It's as important to have the right sized container for the plant as it is for us to wear the right sized clothes.

If the plant looks a little stark at the base, consider placing moss on top of the soil. Moss goes well with most plants (though looks incongruous with some plants, like succulents) and moss makes the plant look more important.

## Small plants important

Guidelines for placing small plants vary a little from those for large plants. Often a small plant looks lost if placed by itself. Whereas a large plant can be considered a piece of furniture, a small plant accessorizes.

Never, ever, under any circumstance, place a plant on top of a stereo speaker for decorative purposes.

A stereo speaker is not a table, and it will never become a table no matter how pretty the plant (or

An indoor plant serves many purposes, softening a harsh line, like the line of a television or cutting the height of something tall like a bookcase.

vase or figurine, for that matter) is that you put on it. A speaker is a speaker, something necessary like the television or the telephone. If you put a plant on the speaker neither the plant nor the speaker benefit from the juxtaposition.

Try not to put plants on top of bookcases or china cabinets. First, it doesn't look natural to grow something at that height. Second, if the furniture is placed correctly to enhance the architecture, you will destroy the lines if you put something on top of it. Try to keep to the original shape of large important pieces of furniture.

Looking for some eye catching spots for small plants? How about the mantle, or on one of the shelves in the bookcase, or on a lamp table or coffee table. If a small plant is placed on a plant stand, it might be treated as a large plant.

## Complement surroundings

Be sure to put each of your small plants in a pot that is complementary to its surroundings. For example, simple pots in a solid color look better as a unit as op-

posed to different textures and designs. Another rule of thumb—the showier the plant, the simpler the pot. Usually you want to show off the plant, not the pot. If a pot or vase is truly beautiful, put nothing in it. Instead, position such items as objects of art.

And finally, please take down any hanging plants you have indoors. Let them hang over the side of the table or over the mantle. Hanging plants in macrame swings were out of date 15 years ago. You will be surprised how pretty your windows and ceilings look without a hanging plant.

Most of all, enjoy your plants.

Eileen Halliburton is the owner of RE-DESIGNS in Piedmont. She can be reached at 763-1829.

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# Isn't a credit a price reduction?

It really is a full-price offer if buyers ask the sellers to pay some of their closing costs? Exactly. Sellers are sometimes miffed when they read through a purchase offer and discover, usually in the "additional terms" section of the contract, that the buyers are to pay for some of their

for the down payment and closing costs. One way to generate cash so the buyers can complete a home purchase is for the sellers to assist with some of the costs in the form of a cash credit at closing.

Lenders have restrictions on how much sellers can credit to buyers at closing. The amount

ing costs can't exceed the actual amount of the those costs. The lender might allow a credit of up to \$61,000, but if the buyers' costs only total \$5,000, the maximum the sellers can credit is \$5,000.

Sellers shouldn't be offended by a buyer's request for a credit. A nonrecurring closing cost credit is simply a form of creative financing—a way to help a cash challenged buyer purchase a home.

Sellers sometimes worry that buyers who ask for a closing cost credit aren't financially qualified to buy. Lenders routinely approve such credits for well-qualified buyers. Sellers who are concerned about the buyers financial capabilities can include a provision in a counteroffer that requires the buyers to be preapproved by the lender within 5 to 10 days of acceptance.

The way an offer is presented to a seller can influence its chance of success. To overcome any potential resistance the sellers might have to a request for a credit, explain how the credit works before discussing the offer price. This way the sellers are less likely to be disappointed when they discover the offer is for less than the offer price indicates.

Buyers who need a credit in order to buy may find themselves at a disadvantage if they're making an offer in competition against other buyers. To be competitive in this situation, it may be necessary to inflate the offer price to cover the amount of the closing cost credit.

## Although buyers sometimes use a closing cost credit to lower the purchase price, this is not always the case.

ing costs. Sellers may see this as a sneaky way to reduce the price. Here's how it looks from the sellers' perspective.

Sellers say the sellers are asking \$200,000 for their home. The buyer offers to pay the sellers their asking price, but ask for the sellers to pay \$5,000 to them at closing for their nonrecurring closing costs. In effect, the buyers are offering to pay only \$195,000 for the home, not the \$200,000 that the sellers are asking for in the price section of the purchase offer.

Although buyers sometimes use a closing cost credit to lower the purchase price, this is not always the case. Many home buyers, particularly first-time buyers, are not of the cash they need to pay

varies with the lender, but it's usually in the range of 3 to 6 percent of the purchase price, or \$6,000 to \$12,000 on a \$200,000 purchase price.

Most lenders will only allow a credit for the buyers' nonrecurring closing costs. Nonrecurring closing costs are paid on a one-time-only basis at closing, like payments for title insurance and loan origination fees. Lenders usually won't permit credits for the buyers' recurring costs, like mortgage interest and hazard insurance. There are some lenders, however, that will allow credits for all closing costs.

A credit from the seller to pay for the buyers' nonrecurring clos-

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For example, let's say the property is listed for \$200,000 and you need a credit of \$5,000 to help pay for your closing costs. You can increase the offer price to \$205,000 and ask the seller to credit \$5,000, which is effectively a full-price offer of \$200,000.

For this strategy to work, the property must appraise for \$205,000. The sellers, or their agent, might consider this a risky proposition unless there are comparable sales that support the higher price.

A credit can also be used to resolve inspection issues that arise during the sale. Although lenders usually don't let sellers credit money to buyers for property improvements, they do allow credits for closing costs. The money the buyers save on closing costs can be used later to make improvements.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California," and "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide," both from Chronicle Books. Order copies from Chronicle books: (800) 722-6657.

## NRT taps Goldman

NRT Incorporated recently named Avram Goldman president and COO of its Coldwell Banker operations in Northern California. NRT, the largest residential real estate company in the United States and the largest franchisee of the Coldwell Banker system, operates 81 Coldwell Banker offices in Northern California.

An 18-year Bay Area real estate veteran, Goldman was promoted from his most recent position as the company's general sales manager. In his new role, Goldman will oversee all operations for the company's six regions, which include 81 offices and over 3,200 sales associates.

"Avram has been a major part of our company's phenomenal growth and success over the past twelve years," said Larry Knapp, senior vice president of NRT for the Western Region and former president of its Coldwell Banker operations in Northern California. "He knows our company and this market better than anyone and is the ideal individual to lead this operation into the next century."

After a career in teaching, Goldman entered the real estate business in 1979 as a sales associate with Valley of California Realty. Coldwell Banker acquired Valley Realty in 1983 and Goldman went on to open and manage its Berkeley office the following year. Over the next twelve years he served in several regional manager positions before being named general sales manager for Northern California earlier this year.

From 1994 through 1997, Goldman oversaw the company's "Metro Region," which included Marin, San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa counties. With 27 offices the Metro region represents one

of the largest and most profitable regions of NRT's operations throughout the United States.

"It is my privilege to lead the finest group of sales executives in all of Northern California and guide the company that Larry Knapp and Dennis Moreno so effectively managed and grew over the past several years," said Goldman. "There has been a tradition of outstanding leadership here, and I look forward to building upon our reputation as the most prestigious and consumer friendly real estate company in Northern California."

Goldman succeeds Dennis Moreno, who joined the firm as president when his former company, Cornish & Carey, was acquired last year by NRT. Having met his commitment to oversee the integration of the two companies, Moreno is leaving Coldwell Banker to focus on his family business in Sunnyvale, and his passionate interests in oil painting and horses.

Goldman, a native of Berkeley, graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a BA degree and from the University of California, Berkeley. He currently lives in the Rockridge area of Oakland with his wife and three daughters.

NRT, the parent company of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage—Northern California, is the leading provider of residential real estate services in the United States. Through its more than 26,000 sales associates in over 600 locations nationwide, NRT operates a network of technologically sophisticated sales offices and pioneers a multitude of real estate-related services through "full-service Realtors."

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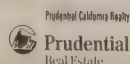
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# IMX: the beta test

It has been six months since several mortgage companies in the Bay Area were selected for a beta test for IMX, the Mortgage Exchange. This program utilizes the Internet, the information superhighway, to bring mortgage brokers and lenders together.

Although, also available for borrowers with less than perfect credit, the real benefactors have been very creditworthy borrowers who are shopping for the best rates available today.

As participants in the test, we found it interesting when the 1998 March issue of one of our trade magazines *Mortgage Banking* filed this report: "Lenders using IMX Mortgage Exchange have posted \$800 million in loans and traded a

volume of \$150 million so far, according to its chief executive." (This was as of Jan. 1, 1998. The test began mid September 1997.)

IMX is a mortgage bidding service based here in California. Members post and bid on mortgages on a double blind basis, with neither side knowing the other until a bid is made. The lenders may be local or institutions from any state.

The double blind system is designed not only to prevent lenders from contacting each other directly, but also to ensure privacy, as many lenders do not want to post their rates publicly.

Everything is anonymous initially. The mortgage broker takes a loan application, verifies the income, assets and credit of the bor-

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KAREN SENZIG

rower. At a point where the mortgage broker feels it is time to 'shop' the loan, it is posted on the system. The lender sees only things like loan to value, credit scores, available cash, income, ratios and loan amount. The broker tells the lender what rate and points he would like to offer the borrower. It is then put out to bid.

The lenders in this test group then post their bids on the loans

submitted. If the bid is good, often at least one-quarter percent below the prevailing rate at the same cost offered by the 100 lenders we follow everyday, we lock the loan rate. (The lenders bid on the lock time as well.)

This is when the lender and the broker are put together. Because the broker is automatically approved with the lender through IMX, the IMX representative then provides

the lenders paperwork and transportation services. In this industry, we have a delivery system called 'Transbox', which like UPS and FedEx, delivers paperwork between mortgage brokers and their lenders on a next day delivery system.

When the lender bids on the loan, they also bid on the delivery time, the time the broker must deliver the loan to them. That would be based on what the broker asked for a lock in period. If the broker asked for a 10 to 15 day lock, the lender would request delivery of the loan package with in a day or two. If a 21 to 30 day lock was requested, the lender would not need the loan package for at least 7 to 10 days.

For the broker, this system shortens the 'shopping' process while offering the borrower the best possible rate. We receive over 100 rate faxes from lenders every day. There are a few lenders who are consis-

tently the lowest, but very busy and they want demand, they may raise

Another lender may need to be reviewed temporarily. So all of the system reduces the time to accomplish this very part of the broker's job.

For the lenders, this offers an affordable means to get those loans without additional sales staff overhead that managing a requires. For the Mortgage Exchange opens an additional lender our borrowers.

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## OWNING A PIECE OF HISTORY



MARK A. WILSON

## Albany: East Bay gem

Part one of two parts

When I first began my career in real estate in the spring of 1984, one of my colleagues had a listing on Sains Avenue in Albany. The home was a modest two-bedroom, one-bath bungalow, built in the late 1920s, with all of the original built-ins, a fireplace, and hardwood floors. It soon had a pending sale on for the full list price of \$84,000. I decided to show this listing to a first-time buyer I was working with, to give her an idea of what the market was like in the East Bay.

She and her family had moved here from upstate New York just a few months earlier, and she was trying to adjust to the higher prices for homes in California.

My client was utterly amazed that such a modest home could sell "so quickly, and for so much money". I told her the reason was that Albany had a reputation as a great community to raise a family, because of its lower crime rate and lower taxes than most Bay Area cities, and because its public schools were so good.

This information clearly made a

positive impression on my client. Within three weeks or so, she had submitted an offer on a three bed room, one bath bungalow on Key Route Boulevard in Albany. The house needed some work and was being sold "as-is", which is why the asking price was only \$95,000.

My client's bid of \$90,000 was accepted. When the escrow closed a few weeks later, my client told me how glad she was she got that particular house, since I had informed her that two other comparable houses on Key Route Boulevard were in escrow for over \$100,000. This was my very first sale, and nearly every year since then I have sold a number of homes in Albany to first time buyers who are glad once they move to this "gem" of the East Bay.

There are several reasons why Albany has long been quite popular with buyers of single family residences. Besides the reasons I outlined above, there is a considerable charm about the place, and a quiet, relaxed pace of living that appeals to many people buying a home, including professional couples and retirees. What surprises many out-

siders however, is that Albany actually has a lot of historic homes.

The first indication of Western "civilization" came to Albany in 1850, with the laying of the stagecoach line along San Pablo Avenue. Before then, Albany had been an undeveloped area of the Rancho Peralta in Mexican California. Not until around 1900 was there any permanent residential and commercial development along the flatlands east and west of San Pablo Avenue.

In 1908, the fledgling community of 200 residents was formally incorporated under the name "Oceanview". The following year, it was rechristened as Albany, and five years later it had grown to 1,500 inhabitants. Residential development mushroomed in Albany in the 1920s and 1930s, a period in which most of the homes between Albany Hill and the Berkeley city limit were built.

During the years between the two world wars, the characteristic stucco and wooden bungalows popular throughout California came to be called "California Bungalows". The major developer of quality bungalows in Albany was a man who came to be known as "One-Nail MacGregor", (implying that he used one nail more than all his competitors).

**Albany has long been popular with buyers of single family residences. There is charm about the place along with a quiet, relaxed pace of living.**

MacGregor, for many years a bungalow builder in Oakland, came to Albany in the late 1920s to settle and begin his most extensive building projects in the new community. Over the next two decades, MacGregor built literally thousands of one and one-and-a-half story bungalows in every conceivable stylistic mode. He always used the highest quality of craftsmanship available, and included hardwood floors, fireplaces, crown moldings, and built-ins in the dining room of most of his tract homes.

Today, houses with these quality features throughout the northern part of Alameda County and much of West Contra Costa County are called "MacGregors" in honor of the high

Across the street, on the north side of Portland Avenue, stands the ornate Veteran's Memorial Building, completed in 1932 as a monument to the local veterans of World

War One. This Mission-Revival style building has a Moorish arched window in the west wing, a Spanish Renaissance style arcade across the entrance, very nice decorative tilework along the lower front walls, and a truly unique Churriguera style niche in the middle of the main gable. From this special niche, a bust of a World War One doughboy gazes at passersby.

Next week, we will explore the amazing variety of historic "MacGregor" bungalows along the quiet, tree-lined streets south of Solano Avenue. We will also discover some large, architect-designed homes in various styles from the 1910s, '20s, and '30s.

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## Madness

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I had 23 hits (lenders bidding on the loan). I thought that this was unusual, and it turns out that there were several bids prior but due to El Niño and power shortages communication between IMX and us was difficult.

Another time we accepted a bid from our clients, put the loan package into the lender and were contacted the next day by that lender that they had not bid on the loan and that there was a mix up with the lender information. However, it was a very

attractive loan package, our borrowers were more than qualified and the lender we sent it to matched the bid price.

Although the lenders bid on the loan package that does not mean that the client will automatically be approved. We had a client with perfect credit, high but acceptable ratios (ratios are that qualifying numbers that measure your income versus your housing and debt expense.) Unfortunately their home didn't qualify.

The home was the ultimate fixer upper project in process. The appraiser had noted that the property

was only in "fair" condition. There are loans for this kind of property, however they generally do not demand the very best interest rate.

As we have worked through this system we should report that for the most part, we are very pleased with this new tool in Mortgage Madness.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached at 339-8511, fax 339-3814, e-mail at [ksenz@att.net](mailto:ksenz@att.net). Please contact her with any mortgage questions and/or topics for discussion.



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4022 ASCOT DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/4BA.....\$669,000 New listing! Newly remodeled trad, fam rm, 3-bridge views. Vicki Woodhead	5932 CHABOT ROAD, ROCKRIDGE - 2+BD/1BA.....\$339,000 New listing! Brown shingle craftsman, private back garden. Donna DeBardi
1778 SHASTA ROAD, BERKELEY - 3BD/2+BA.....\$575,000 10 year old contemp, custom details, panoramic bay views. Tom Anthony	2692 CAMINO LENADA, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/2BA.....\$299,000 Piedmont Pines contemporary, updated kit, private setting. Wendy Gardner
4022 BUTTERS DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3+BA.....\$549,000 Casual elegance, bay views, kitchen/fam rm combo, 3 flps. Wendy Gardner	2724 MOUNTAIN BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$254,000 Immaculate all level home, hwd floors, large patio, gardens. Dick Cohen
4035 PINEHAVEN ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$449,000 New listing! Level-in contemp, privacy, decks, pool, yard. Debi Fitzgerald	3846 LA CRESTA, GLENVIEW - 2BD/1BA.....\$254,000 New listing! Restored brown shingle, new kit & deck, back yard. Kathy Flynn
4035 ARROYO AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 2BD/2BA.....\$429,000 New listing! Spacious, hwd flrs, master suite, backyard. Michelle Miller	4220 ATLAS AVE., REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2BD/1BA.....\$239,500 New listing! Spacious LR & DR, front sun porch, level yard. Diane E. McCan
4035 SNAKE ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$419,000 New listing! Open dramatic contemporary, panoramic SF views. Kirk Phillips	4135 EMERALD STREET, TEMESCAL - 2BD/1BA.....\$179,500 New listing! Spacious LR & DR, front sun porch, level yard. Lee Jacobson
4034 MASTLANDS DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3+BA.....\$399,000 New listing! Close-in contemp, fam rm, rec rm, home office. Wendy Gardner	800-1/2 DELAWARE ST., BERKELEY - 2BD/1BA.....\$179,000 Light upper unit Victorian on historic block in great location! Carolyn Jones

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## Moss

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discussed government procurement. "I haven't found any other resource which walks you through the bureaucratic red tape of how to procure a federal contract and that particular page has a tremendous amount of information on the subject," Minarik said.

But it was the immediacy and interactivity of the Net which Minarik said ought to be particularly beneficial to business people. "Third, what I'm really kind of blown away by is they have inte-

grated online one-on-one counseling with our SCORE volunteers. Someone can get on the machine and get direct answers to questions immediately over the Internet. I think that's pretty cool."

Visit this site and, using e-mail, let the SBA know why it did or did not help you.

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**Loan Fund** is on tap Thurs., April 16. **Time Management** is scheduled for Tues., April 21. Call 273-6000 to reserve space or to receive information about other seminars.

Women's Council of Realtors/Oakland Chapter (WCR) presents **Lunch with Jerry Brown**, Fri., April 17 at Rodon Restaurant, 15 Embarcadero West in Oakland. WCR will host networking from 11:30 a.m. to noon and lunch with Oakland mayoral candidacy Jerry Brown from noon to 1:30 p.m.. Tickets cost \$20 per person. Call Zachary Griffin, at 339-2121, ext. 254, for more information.

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- 1016 AMITO**, Claremont Hills, 5bd/3 1/2 ba elegant Medit. Views! Lap pool & spa. Prudential CA RE 845-0211, Nancy Platford 898-9408
- 8 CHANCELLOR PL**, Claremont Hills, 4+/2.5 hill home w/knockout vws! Add1 700sf potential space. Prudential CA RE, V. Friedman 845-0211
- 7020 DEVON WAY**, New 5+bd/3.5 ba, gourmet kit, FDR. Views. Landscaped. Fenced. Wells & Bennett, David Hennigan 601-9540
- 6023 ASCOT DR**, Montclair, 4bd/4ba. New listing! Newly remod trad'l. 3+bridge views. Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 6187 SWAINLAND RD**, Reduced! New 4+/2.5, formal LR & DR, lg front courtlyd. North bay vw. Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100
- 5958 CASTLE DR**, Montclair, 4/2 1/2 contemporary in natural setting. Bay view. Oriental garden. Move in condition! Coldwell Banker, Steve Smith 925-253-4677 **SUNDAY 2-5**
- 46 MOTT PL**, Hillcrest Estates, 3bd/4ba dramatic ranch style. Level acre, plus lot. Horses OK. Prudential CA, Mac McCulloch 287-2579
- 1 OAKWOOD CT**, Montclair, elegant '91 design by Mosher/Boyd. Wooded setting/cyn vw. Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780
- 1601 LEIMERT BL**, Oakmore Classic, Kingsize yd, grt house! 5bd/4ba. Family rm, den, rumpus. Coldwell Banker, Ellen Lancaster 339-1174
- 6800 EXETER DR**, Montclair, 3bd/2 1/2 ba. New listing! Level-in, GG vws LaSalle Properties, Hal Castle 339-8900 **X220 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30**
- 3322 BUTTERS DR**, Montclair, 4bd/3+ba, casual elegance. Bay vws. Kit/fam combo, 3 frpls. Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 6218 ROCKWELL ST**, Rockridge, 3+/3+ w/style, space, charm! Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 959 GROSVENOR PL**, Old World Charm. Crocker 3bd/2+ba sparkling trad'l. FDR, EIK, rec rm. Yd. Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174
- 1916 MELVIN**, Oakmore. SF views! Perfect for entertaining! Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Vickie Robinson 644-5411
- 6801 BUCKINGHAM**, Oak/Berk border, 3/3.5 dream home. Views. Close to Pied Ave & Montclair Village shopping. Prudential CA Realty John Cashman 845-0200/644-5299
- 6785 PINEHAVEN**, Montclair, New listing! 3/2 contemporary Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460
- 5835 HARBORD DR**, Reduced! Montclair 5bd/3b. Could be a pair or 2 family. Wraparound deck. Gallagher & Lindsey, 748-1798 **SUN 2-4**
- 37 WINDWARD HILL**, Spac.twnhs w/bay vw. Custom upgrades. Loft, mstr w/fpl. Hdws. The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- 6825 OAKWOOD DR**, Something special! 3/2 1/2 Arts & Crafts style. Lovely setting. Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174
- 455 MOUNTAIN BL**, Montclair, spacious all level, comfy family rm off EIK. Large lot. The GRUBB Company, Nancy Lehrkind 339-0400
- 2660 CAMINO LENADA**, 3bd/2ba, den, workshop, Charming! Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Mary McNeill 644-5444
- 3105 HOLYROOD DR**, New Listing! Incredible views, trellised decks. 3bd/2ba. Wells & Bennett, Barbara Roessler 531-7000 X264
- 5757 HARBORD DR**, Montclair, spacious sunny 4/3 in private setting Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Nancy Hinkley 644-5440
- 7075 EXETER**, New Price! Space & light, vaulted ceilings, mstr suite deck on all 3 levels. Wells & Bennett, Carlo Robbiano 531-7000 X292
- 6175 SNAKE RD**, Montclair 3/2. New listing. Open dramatic contemp. Pano SF views. Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460
- 13608 CAMPUS DR**, Ridgmont, contemporary on lg lot. Canyon vws. Mstr suite, family rm. The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400
- 1959 BYWOOD**, Oakmore, 3bd/1+ba. Just listed. Rad view! Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 287 ELYSIAN FIELDS DR**, Sequoyah Hts, 4/3.5. Grt party/family hm overlooks Chabot Park. LaSalle Properties, Tom Erwin 339-8900 X230
- 2144 MASTLANDS DR**, Montclair, 4bd/3+ba. New Listing! family rm & home office. Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 6827 RIDGEWOOD DR**, Montclair, 5/3, Nw Listing! Family rm w/frpl. Deck, yd, pvt setting. Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460
- 6210 ELDERBERRY**, Piedmont Pines, 4/2, New listing! All level on 1/3 acre. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-8400
- 2919 BURDECK DR**, Joaquin Miller, newer, well built 4bd/3ba Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Suzanne Yamamoto 644-5477
- 712 CALMAR AVE**, Remod trad'l, sunny & spacious. 4bd (mstr w/frpl), 3ba. FDR. Deck, hill vw. Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846
- 3917 GREENWOOD**, Glenview, 1<sup>st</sup> open! Duplex, 1903 Brown Shingle. 3bd & 2bd units. LaSalle Properties, Lois Johnson 339-8900 X226
- 1960 OAK VIEW DR**, Fab Bay Views! 3/2.5 custom contemporary. Oakmore area. Richardson RE, Georgia Richardson 569-3499
- 2143 MAGELLAN DR**, Montclair Gem! Remod 3/2, (mstr w/frpl & office). Laundry, decks, pvt yd, hot tub. Lawton Assoc. 547-5970 **SUNDAY 1-5**
- 4248 BALFOUR**, Crocker. New listing! Spacious 2-story 3/1.5. Terraced yd. Garden. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 4493 MONTGOMERY**, Rockridge, 2/2 1/2 quality shingle townhouse. View. Move in! Montclair Better Homes RE 339-8400 **SUNDAY 2-5**
- 5932 CHABOT RD**, Rockridge, 2+bd/1ba. New listing! Brown shingle craftsman, pvt back garden. Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460
- 4491 ZIEGLER AVE**, Private retreat! Lg family rm w/frpl. Updtd kit. Deck w/hot tub. Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174
- 4521 MONTGOMERY ST**, Lovely brown shingle twnhm. N Rockridge & Pied. Ave shops. EIK, bay vw. Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256
- 4383 TERRABELLA**, Montebello Terrace, 3bd/2+ba Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 5807 MORPETH ST**, Upper Rockridge, 2/1 w/charm & character. Updtd EIK opens to garden. Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174
- 3609 MONTELEY BL**, Redwood Hts, 1<sup>st</sup> open. 3/2 darling tudor. Quiet street. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000 **SUNDAY 2-5**
- 1778 PLEASANT VALLEY**, Piedmont Ave, 3bd/2ba updated bungalow Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Rose Jellison 644-5401
- 2724 MOUNTAIN BL**, Montclair, all level 3bd/2ba. Immaculate. Gardens. Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 1735 LEIMERT BL**, New Listing! 2bd, bay vw, dining rm, frpl, hdws, terrace patio. Landscaped. Wells & Bennett, Jini Kelley 339-0414
- 2692 CAMINO LENADA**, Montclair, 3+bd/2ba. Pied. Pines contemp. Updtd kit, pvt setting. Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 4396 TERRABELLA PL**, Montebello terrace, great 3bd/2.5 ba home Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205
- 6852 CHAMBERS DR**, New listing! 3/2 trad'l, fam rm, canyon vw. Move in cond.! Red Oak RE 527-3387 X111 **SUNDAY 2-4**

- \$290,000 457 HANOVER**, 2 houses on 1 lot, nr the Lake, 2/2 & 1/1. Craftsman w/lg gardens. Chang & Hardeman 1-800-344-7908 X343 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$289,900 1230 HOLMAN RD**, Trestle Glen, 3+bd/1.5 ba English Tudor. Hdws. Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Hernan Luna 644-5453
- \$289,500 4145 EASTLAKE AVE**, Redwood Hts, 4/2 1/2 w/trad'l feeling. Bay vw from mstr bdrm. Better Homes, Mleko Winnaker 284-9500 **SUN 1-4**
- \$289,000 206 MONTE VISTA**, Piedmont Ave, 3+/2 great Victorian w/lots of updates. Original character. Prudential CA, Richard Matus 287-2501
- \$279,500 77 CLAREWOOD LN**, Rockridge 2+2+ sunny creekside townhouse Prudential CA RE 339-9290, Mark Ross 869-4256
- \$279,500 4032 COOLIDGE AVE**, Upr Laurel, New listing! Bright 2+2 w/lovely private garden & more! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125
- \$279,000 705 WALAVISTA**, Crocker, inviting 2/1 bungalow. Plus rm w/sep entry FDR, frpl, kit w/bkfst nook. Coldwell Banker, Karen Lunn 339-1174
- \$274,000 703 SANTA RA, Crocker, 4/2. Remod Interior. In-law possible. Huge yard. The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400**
- \$270,000 3520 WILLIS CT**, Redwood Heights, 3bd/2ba contemporary w/ enclosed patio. Re/Max East Bay Hills, Lorne 261-4556 **SUN 1:30-4**
- \$259,950 66 MAGIORA DR**, Chabot Highlands, Mstr suite +3bd. Sunsets from Hills. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- \$259,950 2303 TIFFIN RD**, Oakmore, 3bd/2ba. Perfect home/perfect price! Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239
- \$259,000 4661 EDGEWOOD AVE**, Glenview. 3+bd/1ba w/blt-ins, hdws. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- \$259,000 4161 BALFOUR**, Crocker, 3+bd/1ba bungalow. Frpl, FDR, hdws, big bsmt, hill view. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- \$254,000 3846 LaCRESTA**, Glenview. 2bd/1b restored Brown Shingle. Nw List! New kit & deck. Back yd. Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460
- \$249,000 5948 MERIEWOOD DR**, Montclair, 1/1. Full Remodel. Views. Custom kitchen. Immaculate. Very Sunny. By Owner 595-1958
- \$239,500 3245 FLORIDA**, Laurel, 3/2, hdws, FDR, lg EIK, patio rm w/frpl. Harbor Bay RE, Russ Grant 814-4713 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$239,500 4220 ATLAS AVE**, Redwood Hts, 2/1. New Listing! All level Spanish Med, plus rm, yd. Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460
- \$229,000 3155 HOOD ST**, Best Oakland Hills value. Handsome 4/2 w/ view from hot tub on deck off mstr. Frpl. Ideal fir plan. Hoke RE 536-0536
- \$225,000 6941 COLTON BL**, Montclair, location w/potential! Sold "as is". 3/2, rare opportunity. Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174
- \$225,000 1075 BROOKWOOD RD**, Crocker, Charming 3/1 English Tudor. Grt opportunity fixer. The GRUBB Company, Stacy Ewing 339-0400
- \$210,000 3225 ARKANSAS**, Laurel district. New Listing! Beautiful 4bd/2ba craftsman. Remodeled. Must See! Chang RE 530-3862
- \$209,000 559 58<sup>th</sup> ST**, 2bd/1.5 ba, shows pride of ownership. Hdwd flrs Gadsby & Associates, Joe Cristobal 748-5300
- \$209,000 227 MARLOW DR**, Sheffield Village, chte 2/1, hdws, big back yd Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, John Nielsen 869-4215
- \$179,500 4135 EMERALD ST**, Temescal, 2bd/1ba, new listing! Spacious LR & DR front sun porch, level yd. Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460
- \$179,000 5335 BROADWAY TER**, 2bd/2ba, move in condition. Close to all Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- \$169,000 5707 FLEMING AVE**, Maxwell Park, 3bd/1ba, light & bright. Move in! Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239
- \$160,000 260 CALDECOTT LN #308**, Parkwood condo, top flr, 1bd, "Golden Gate" unit. Sparkles! Templeton Co, Tricia Swift 652-2133 X140 **SATURDAY 9-2**
- \$153,000 8024 EARL ST**, 2bd/1ba, lg level rear yd. Garage converted to family room. Hill view. Richardson RE, Jackie Carter 433-9996/569-3499
- \$148,000 3015 MYRTLE ST**, nr Emeryville. "True" live/work. 1ba. Zoned: Res, Light Industrial, Commercial. Sec.Pkg. Xtra wide halls & doors. Endless possibilities! Prudential CA 845-0200, Vanessa 287-2569 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$144,000 193 MONTECITO #305**, Top floor, rear unit. Spacious 3/2. 2-car parking. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- \$139,500 3015 MYRTLE**, nr Emeryville. Grt value! Live/work w/lots of extras! Walk-in closet, sec'd pkg. Prudential CA, Vanessa 845-0200 **SUN 2-4**
- \$139,000 320 LEE ST #202**, Adams Pt, 2/2 sunny updated corner unit. Add'l pkg & xtra storage. Prudential CA, Lois Harris 287-2521 **SUNDAY 2-5**
- \$135,000 2633 HAROLD**, Reduced! Dimond, 2/1, FDR, lg lot. Det'd garage Harbor Bay RE, Tere Lee 521-3352 To Be Sold "AS IS" **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$129,900 5212 CAMDEN**, Maxwell Park, 3bd w/view! Nds TLC. Potential. 5% down flex loan available. Loan includes fixup costs. Wells & Bennett Kate Phillips 436-4100
- \$91,500 320 LEE ST**, 1<sup>st</sup> Open! Adams Pt 1/1, bright, view of hills. Sec. Bldg. LaSalle Properties, Carin Canoe 339-8900 X218
- \$69,000 325 LENOX AVE #207**, Price Reduced! 1/1. Walk to Lake Merritt Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 5937 TAFT**, Rockridge, charming 20's 3/1 bungalow w/hdws. Country kit, secluded garden. The GRUBB Company, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400

## ALBANY \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\*

- \$325,000 643 MADISON ST**, Fab 3/2 contemporary. Airy, skylites, gorgeous! Red Oak Realty, Brenda 527-3387 X229 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$279,000 1142 EVELYN**, Alameda district, 2/2 split level. Spacious & light. Nr shops/tranq. Thornwall Properties, Arlette Schlitt-Gerson 848-1950 X229 **SUNDAY 2-5**
- \$225,000 945 TAYLOR**, 2bd/1ba. Location! Hdwd flrs, open floor plan, tile kit. Corner lot. Prudential CA 834-2010, Susan 286-7571 **SUNDAY 2-4**

## BERKELEY \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\*

- \$925,000 715 ARLINGTON**, Elegant 5/4.5 Medit w/GG & city views! Sunken LR. FDR, fam rm. Berkeley Hills, Maya Trilling 524-9888 X18 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$825,000 29 DOMINGO AVE**, 5+/4+. Newly priced. Elegant 1911 mansion in heart of Claremont. SF/bay vws! Prudential CA, Nancy Hoover 845-5338
- \$750,000 1014 GRIZZLY PEAK**, Romantic Med w/bay views, level grounds. Formal trad'l floorplan. The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400
- \$730,000 123 PARKSIDE DR**, Just listed! 4+/3.5 J. Hudson Thomas Br Shingle. Frpl, study, pvt yd. Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000 X242
- \$649,000 1117 EUCLID**, 2+bd/2+ba smashing contemp. Just listed! Bay vws, den, music rm. Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$625,000 40 ALTA**, New listing! 4/3 Monterey Colonial. Garden. View. Deck. Rumpus, wkshop, sunporch. Red Oak RE 527-3387 X124 **SUN 2-4**
- \$585,000 22 WHITAKER**, Berkeley Hills, 3+/2. Lofty design. Views! Prudential CA Realty 845-0200
- \$575,000 2776 SHASTA RD**, 3bd/2+ba 10yr old contemp. Custom details, pano bay views. Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460
- \$550,000 BY APPOINTMENT**, Stately trad'l in upper Thousand Oaks. 4/3.5, den, FDR, 3-car gar. Templeton Co, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145

- \$499,000 180 HILLCREST RD**, Claremont. 4bd/3ba beauty! In-law, yd, location Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Glass/Sabine Team 644-5495
- \$499,000 42 SOMERSET**, Just listed! 1/4 acre w/Blackberry Creek at your door! 3/1.5, study, country kit. Berkeley Hills RE, Nancy Mueller 524-9888 X20 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$449,000 2961 BENVENUE**, Elmwood. Walk to all from this unique trad'l & charming cottage. Lovely corner lot. GRUBB Co, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- \$385,000 1757 SAN LORENZO**, 1920's charm w/'90's engineering! 2/1 up. 2+ bonus rms/ba down. Thornwall Properties Kathryn Stein 848-1950 X229 **SUNDAY 2-5**
- \$382,000 1734 ALLSTON WAY**, Handsome Edwardian. 4 units. First Open! Convenient location. Prudential CA, Wendy Kashiwa 287-9123
- \$379,000 2323 EUNICE**, 3/1. Just listed! No. Berk Brown Shingle. Updtd kit, deck, Indscpd yd. Coldwell Banker, Nancy Brown 486-1495 **SUN 2-4**
- \$349,000 1400 QUEENS RD**, Berkeley Hills, 3/1.5 bay view cottage. Reduced! Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Emily Lane 869-4232
- \$319,000 98 NORTHAMPTON**, Alameda district, 3/2, beautiful site. Sweeping bay vws. Nds work. Thornwall Properties, Arlette Schlitt-Gerson 848-1950 X229 **SUNDAY 2-5**
- \$315,000 6029 CHABOLYN TER**, Rockridge, 3/2+ fixer in nd of TLC & termite. Family hm w/yd. Prudential CA RE, Fatima Ali 845-6021
- \$285,000 0 MILLER**, Berkeley Hills, buildable lot. Think of the possibilities! Prudential CA RE, Candace Economides 845-0200 **DAILY 12-12**
- \$279,500 1619 ROSE ST**, 2+bd/1ba charming bungalow Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- \$249,000 1633 BELVEDERE**, Sweet & sunny. 2/1 up. Bdrm/ba dwn. Remod EIK. Frpl, hdws, garage. Marvin Gardens 527-2700, Alice McLeish 287-8759 First Open House! **SUNDAY 1-5**
- \$249,000 1808 CEDAR**, 2bd/1ba charming bungalow. Frpl, hdws, Grt yd. Deck Coldwell Banker, Linda Gerson 486-1485 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$235,000 610 ARLINGTON**, Opportunity! Grt fixer! 3/1, FDR, frpl, vws, bsmt. "As Is". Berkeley Hills RE, Bill McDowell 559-8508 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$199,500 1307 BLAKE**, Just listed! Charming 2bd bungalow on lovely tree-lined street. Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Stein 848-1950 X230 **SUN 2-4**
- \$179,000 800 1/2 DELAWARE ST**, 2bd/1ba light upper unit Victorian on historic block in great location. Pacific Union, Carolyn Jones 339-6460
- \$179,000 1434 BERKELEY WAY**, 2/1. Just listed! Brown shingle cottage. Walk BART. Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$139,500 904 CEDAR ST**, New listing! Small hse +artist wkshop in lg sunny gdn. Room to grow. Move in. Red Oak RE 527-3387 X186 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$ 2956 PINE**, Claremont. 2+2 adorable craftsman cottage. New listing. Charm/style. Prudential CA Lisa 898-9403

## EL CERRITO \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\*

- \$649,000 1423 RIFLE RANGE**, 5/3 just listed! Unique contemp overlooking Wildcat Canyon. Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495 **SUN 2-4**
- \$382,000 1552 DOUGLAS DR**, Beautiful 4/2 Splendid slate entry way. Lg patio. New roof. Marvin Gardens, Merrilyn Rhodes 527-9111 **SAT & SUN 2-4**
- \$339,000 856 BALRA**, New listing in EC Hills. View! 3/2 up, studio down. 3 det'd garages. Red Oak RE 527-3387 X103 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$289,000 7426 TERRACE AVE**, Charming 3/2, huge plus rm, deck, pvt backyard 2-car garage. Security Pacific, Gert Stern 734-7808 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$235,000 241 AN CARLOS AVE**, St.Jerome district. Charming 2/1 w/beautiful lg garden. Updtd kit, hdws. Prudential CA, Norah 845-0200 **SUN 2-5**
- \$229,000 555 NORVELL ST**, Huge 2/1. Bsmnt/wkshop, view, frpl, hdws, att'd garage. Security Pacific, Jack Burns Jr 707-864-8870 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$219,000 722 ASHBURY**, Sunny 3/1 w/hdws, frpl, lovely garden. Huge wkshop/studio. Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$199,000 5709 JORDAN**, 3/1 Spanish Med charmer! Hdws, frpl, FDR, EZ access BART, shops. Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Kathy Burt 723-9535 **SUN 2-4**
- \$169,000 827 EVERETT**, Nice EC location. Close to BART & other transp. 2bd/1b. Lg level lot. Orig.wdwork. Security Pacific 222-8340, Kevin Tannahill 524-1112 **SUNDAY 2-5**

- \$110,000 1725 LIBERTY #3**, Elegant 2/2 condo. Remod kit/ba. Pvt deck. Many upgrades. Priced to sell! Red Oak RE, Bob 527-3387 X132 **SUN 2-4**

## EMERYVILLE \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4\*\*\*

- \$129,000 1276 61<sup>st</sup> ST**, Newly rehabbed bungalow w/cozy low maint. yard! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105

## KENSINGTON \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4\*\*\*

- \$425,000 218 COLUMBIA**, Just listed, 4/3 w/GG views. Robert Ratcliff design. Gorgeous remodel! Coldwell Banker, Cheryl Cahn 486-1495

## MORAGA \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 1-4\*\*\*

- \$265,000 2135 ASCOT DRIVE #11**, Spacious 3/2.5 end unit twnhs. 1970 sq ft. +sep. 2 rm ofc. Coldwell Banker 254-7777, Rose Rauschkolb 376-4849

## PIEDMONT \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\*

- \$1,600,000 61 GLEN ALPINE**, New listing! Park-like setting. Almost 1.5 acre. Pool & tennis. Prudential CA Realty 428-0900 N. Hinkley 644-5440
- \$1,350,000 43 FARRAGUT AVE**, Sophisticated contemporary. Grt location. Loads of light. The GRUBB Co, Anian Tunney 339-0400
- \$745,000 334 EL CERRITO AVE**, Prime location. 4bd/2.5 ba level out to garden. Beautifully designed. The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400
- \$625,000 141 BELL AVE**, Art Deco w/bay views & spacious patio/garden. Rumpus rm, greens, hot tub. GRUBB Co, Angela Grubb 339-0400
- \$579,000 312 SCENIC AVE**, Outrageous 5/2 w/bay vws & penthouse-like living! Nrlly nw 2 bdrm. GRUBB CO, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400
- \$548,000 or BEST OFFER! 100 ESTATES DR**, 3bd/2ba. Recreation room. Att'd 2-car gar. Recent roof. Decks & garden. Gordon B. Reese RE 268-8571 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$495,000 50 CALVERT CT**, Charming split level 3bd/2ba traditional. Private entry patio. The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr.
- \$469,000 1086 RANLEIGH WY**, Arts & Crafts gem! Restored to perfection. 3/1. Roses, wisteria, sunny terrace. GRUBB CO, Nancy Rothman 339-0400
- \$429,000 33 ARROYO AVE**, New listing! 2bd/2ba. Spacious. Hdwd flrs, mstr suite. Backyard. Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460
- \$425,000 1693 GRAND AVE**, Renovated Brown Shingle Traditional Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Claire Cunningham 644-5434
- \$425,000 6571 ASCOT DR**, Piedmont Pines, 4bd/2ba w/peace & privacy Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Kathy Florence 869-4250
- \$395,000 27 OLIVE AVE**, 2+bd/3a, gourmet kitchen, 2 frpls, and more! Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Pat Conrad 869-4245

## RICHMOND \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\*

- \$149,950 1369 MARIPOSA ST**, 3/1, sparkling, well maintained. Also bonus cottage. Gadsby & Associates, James 748-5300

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## ALAMEDA

1204 Ballena Blvd. - \$249,000  
 201 Capetown Dr. - \$320,000  
 3229 Fairview Ave. - \$272,500  
 1304 Grand St. - \$252,000  
 14 Leonard Ct. - \$235,500  
 810 Lincoln Ave. - \$238,000  
 423 McDonnell Rd. - \$245,000  
 1632 Moreland Dr. - \$305,000  
 730 Palmera Ct. - \$535,000  
 127 Purcell Dr. - \$283,000  
 418 Santa Clara Ave. - \$293,000  
 2710 Sea View Pkwy. - \$262,000  
 2 Stone Harbor - \$401,000  
 31 Thurles Place - \$375,000  
 1537 Union St. - \$158,000  
 1321 Webster St. #D209 - \$95,000

## ALBANY

1036 Neilson St. - \$273,000  
 1059 Ordway St. - \$245,000  
 535 Pierce St. #1114 - \$145,000  
 535 Pierce St. #1301 - \$183,000  
 555 Pierce St. #1620 - \$123,000  
 927 Pierce St. - \$160,000  
 907 Santa Fe Ave. - \$272,500

## BERKELEY

2308 10th St. - \$151,000  
 1630 9th St. - \$115,000  
 2766 Acton St. - \$123,000  
 1622 Ashby Ave. - \$225,000  
 1359 Berkeley Way - \$185,000  
 1935 Berryman St. - \$292,000  
 904 Cedar St. - \$92,500  
 46 Delmar Ave. - \$545,000  
 2415 Dowling Place - \$235,000  
 920 Jones St. - \$155,000  
 1124 Keeler Ave. - \$270,000  
 451 Kentucky Ave. - \$500,000  
 1320 Ordway St. - \$165,000  
 1785 Oxford St. #1 - \$135,500  
 71 Tunnel Rd. - \$222,500  
 1335 Ward St. - \$102,000

## EL CERRITO

417 Albemarle St. - \$262,000  
 539 Clayton Ave. - \$193,000  
 6878 Glen Mawr Ave. - \$284,500  
 882 Kensington Rd. - \$340,000  
 410 Norvell St. - \$205,000  
 651 Norvell St. - \$267,000  
 7670 Terrace Dr. - \$225,000

## EL SOBRANTE

896 Appian Knoll Ct. - \$216,000  
 980 Manor Rd. - \$143,000

## EMERYVILLE

6363 Christie Ave. #1721 - \$114,000

## KENSINGTON

383 Coventry Rd. - \$166,000  
 1612 Oakview Ave. - \$240,000

## OAKLAND

1251 105th Ave. - \$96,000  
 2403 21st Ave. - \$154,500  
 3045 22nd Ave. - \$128,000  
 1547 28th Ave. - \$190,000  
 2648 34th Ave. - \$152,500  
 862 53rd St. - \$119,000  
 912 54th St. - \$107,000  
 562 61st St. - \$199,000  
 2350 63rd Ave. - \$90,000  
 1525 67th Ave. - \$125,000  
 1062 73rd Ave. - \$127,000  
 775 Alcatraz Ave. - \$111,000  
 1395 Alvarado Rd. - \$342,000  
 7866 Arthur St. - \$110,000  
 696 Athol Ave. #101 - \$144,000  
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 2821 Best Ave. - \$150,000  
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 300 Caldecott Lane #322 - \$136,500

300 Caldecott Lane #323 - \$190,000  
 300 Caldecott Lane #325 - \$199,500  
 300 Caldecott Lane #329 - \$134,500  
 300 Caldecott Lane #338 - \$159,000  
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 752 38th St. - \$104,000  
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 966 Billings Blvd. - \$138,500  
 1416 Brookside Dr. - \$130,000  
 1690 Burkhart Ave. - \$200,000  
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AVERAGE PRICE: \$282,437

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TOTAL SALES: 7

LOWEST PRICE: \$123,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$273,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$200,214

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 16

LOWEST PRICE: \$92,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$545,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$219,593

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 7

LOWEST PRICE: \$193,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$340,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$219,593

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 2

LOWEST PRICE: \$143,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$143,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$143,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 1

LOWEST PRICE: \$114,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$114,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$114,000

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2

LOWEST PRICE: \$216,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$216,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$216,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 65

LOWEST PRICE: \$96,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$565,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$212,476.92

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2

LOWEST PRICE: \$238,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$739,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$488,250

RICHMOND

TOTAL REPORTED: 25

LOWEST PRICE: \$89,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,000,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,000,000

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 18

LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$340,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$219,593

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## Will EC's Donny Davis opt to pitch for KC in the majors?

Gauchos star at Laney; will he go to Royals or Washington State?

Jelani Harper

OAKLAND — This time of year, it seemed as if Laney pitcher Donny Davis was destined for a career in the game of scrimmage instead of the mound.

At the time the Laney freshman was a senior at El Cerrito High, and a three-sport star in baseball, basketball and football.

A promising linebacker and tight end, it was Utah State who initially showed the most interest in Davis and offered him a scholarship to join its defensive line. But he would take a different path for Davis.

"In high school, I always thought I would get a baseball scholarship but I didn't," Davis recalls. "I had the scholarship to Utah, but when I got notified I turned it down and came to Laney for a couple of years."

That's right, Davis was drafted, and not by Laney coach Rob Willson. No, it was the Kansas City Royals who picked up Davis in the fourth round last year, making him one of at least 10 Laney players to be under contract with a major league baseball team.

Under what is called the draft and follow program, high school students sign contracts with MLB teams and then go to two-year community colleges where their

'In high school, I always thought I would get a baseball scholarship but I didn't.'

— DONNY DAVIS



Photos by Jeff Lindquist  
Donny Davis, who played 3 sports at EC, turned down a scholarship to Utah State, was drafted by KC, currently pitches for Laney, and now is considering going to Washington State or going to the major leagues. He says: 'I'm trying to take it as far as I can with baseball, so I'm going to stick with this 100 percent.'

progress — both academically and on the field — is closely monitored. Each year the player is offered a new contract and can either stick with the major league club or re-enter the draft to find a new one.

On top of that, as all community college athletes do, Davis has to consider where to play after his two-year stint at Laney is up. He is currently being recruited by Washington State, and would join the Cougars in the fall of 1999 if he chooses to do so.

All of which means that there is a lot riding on Davis' shoulders every time he takes the mound. But surprisingly, the right-hander feels very little pressure.

"Our team's been playing since August, so at first I felt a little pressure but I don't now," Davis explained. "I'm trying to take it as far as I can with baseball, so I'm going to stick with this 100 percent. But I always keep my grades up and keep myself eligible, so I can always go to college if things don't work out."

In the meantime, Davis has a lot to contend with, namely opposing batters. College opponents are both bigger and faster than their high school counterparts.

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## Deja vu in ACCAL for SM baseball

By Jeff Sepulveda

It was a tough week for St. Mary's baseball. The Panthers entered the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League season with title aspirations, but hit a big bump in the road with a loss to last year's champ Encinal in the league opener last Thursday.

Then, after bouncing back to defeat Las Lomas in the opening round of the Alhambra Easter Tournament, SM dropped a 2-1 squeaker to Alhambra in the semifinals, with the winning run scoring in the last at bat.

In the 5-2 loss in the ACCAL opener against Encinal, the Panthers fell behind early, and couldn't take advantage of numerous opportunities to catch the Jets, a North Coast Section finalist as well as ACCAL champ last year.

SM ace Jonathan Tapp started for the Panthers and took the loss. Jason Blakeney had three hits, including a RBI double. The Panthers got a lot of offense, but couldn't capitalize. The Panthers left 13 runners on base.

However, coach Andy Shimabukuro believed that his team still has plenty of time to catch Encinal.

"Last year we started off the same way. We lost the first game in league and then won nine in a row."

SM owes Saturday's opening game win against Las Lomas in the Alhambra tourney to one player: Max Slenderbroek. Slenderbroek pitched a complete game in the 4-3 victory, and also drove in three runs with three hits, including the winning run in the final inning.

Quite low key after his starring

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## Todd, Billy and Ted try to defeat El Niño

Jelani Harper

When Albany's baseball team takes on Encinal next Wednesday at home, the Cougars had better have their fingers crossed.

No, it's not because Encinal is so good that the Cougars will need a lot of luck, but rather because there

Todd and Billy and Ted give us a good backbone, but our offense is pretty well spread out.'

— JOSH FREEMAN, ALBANY BASEBALL COACH

an uncanny knack for rain falling whenever the Cougars are a game.

But it this way, the Cougars (5-3, 1-0 Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League) have had 14 games scheduled this year, and they've completed eight of them. The ACCAL gets in full swing. El Niño seems to be the opponent the Cougars can't get past.

Unfortunately for Albany, it can't say the same thing. Last week Albany dropped past it, 17-1, in a fine display of batting power. Junior pitcher Zachary Bogart won the game, and got plenty of support from fellow junior pitcher Matt Eagle, who went 4-for-

## Lawrence, White have 'em cryin' mercy

By Jeff Sepulveda

A no-hitter. Two home runs in as many as bats. A mercy rule stoppage.

It's unlikely El Cerrito baseball fans could dream up a better scenario for last week's Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League opening game against Salesian.

The no-hitter came courtesy of Gauchos ace Horace Lawrence. The game went only five innings because it was stopped by a mercy rule introduced into CIF games this year for the first time. The Gauchos led, 10-0, so the

game was called.

Lawrence struck out 10 and walked four in his dominating performance.

"Lawrence was overpowering," said EC coach Dennis Abel. "He was throwing very hard, very well. He can throw the ball by even good hitters."

The offensive show was a true team effort, but Jarion White's two homers clearly stood out.

Lawrence backed up his mound gem with two hits and two runs with an RBI. Thomari Story-Harden had two hits, including a double, and three RBI.

Brandis Langston drove in four runs with a triple and a single. Catcher Zach Cort was 2-3 with a double and two runs scored. Abel rued the mercy rule stoppage.

"It's been implemented because somewhere someone was obviously running up the score. We don't do that. You stop stealing when you have a lead like that (10-0). But your starters have to get a workout. The kids that are hurt by the rule are the kids that work hard all week but don't get to start."

"The only reason we left Horace in

was because he had a no-hitter going. We took out Jarion White after he hit it over the right field fence both times up."

The Gauchos express kept rolling this Tuesday as EC beat up Rio Vista, 9-2, in a six-inning rain-shortened game in the opening round of the St. Patrick's High Bruin Easter Classic in Vallejo. Ray Kuykendall started and won the game with help out of a sixth-inning jam from Curtis Keeler.

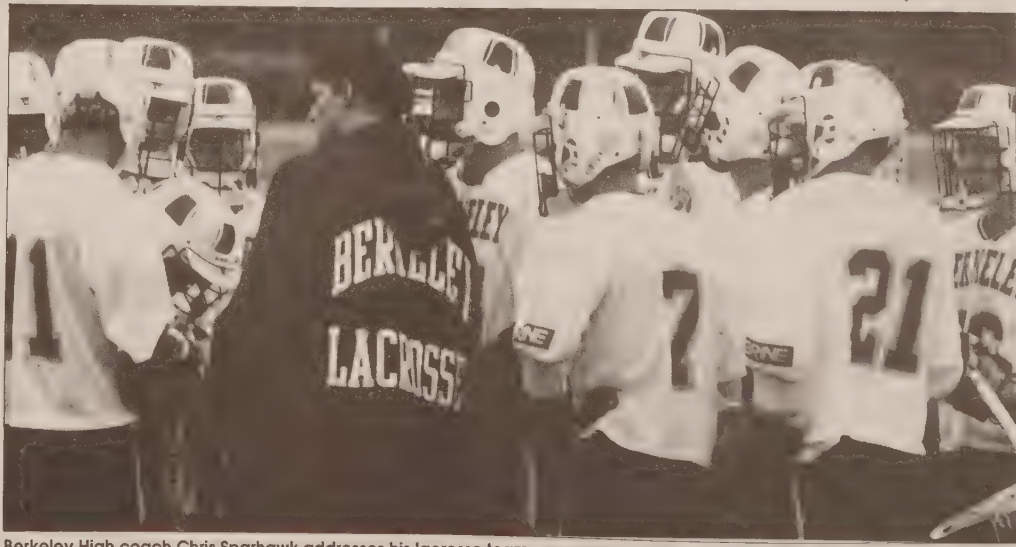
The EC offense was plentiful again. Cort, White, and Keyshaun Fielder all

had two hits and multiple run scoring plays.

Kuykendall pitched well with occasional lapses of control, walking six batters in five-plus innings. Keller entered the game in the sixth with the bases loaded and no outs, and promptly got a double play ball to ease the threat and a popup to seal the win.

Abel was pleased with the pitching. "Kuykendall threw well, but he walked too many guys, which has been his pattern this year. Keller threw strikes. He's gonna make you hit the ball, and if he keeps it down he'll make you hit it on the ground. He really came through."

With rain pushing back tournament games, EC's next action is scheduled for Thursday in a doubleheader at St. Patrick's. The Gauchos are scheduled to face Clayton Valley at 10 a.m. and the host team at 1 p.m.



Berkeley High coach Chris Sparhawk addresses his lacrosse team.

## It's the Crickmore & Schwartz Show

■ Yellowjackets' lacrosse team has its way with South Marin.

By Jelani Harper

If last Tuesday's game is any indication, Berkeley's lacrosse team has gotten its second wind.

The Yellowjackets kicked off the second half of their season with a

spirited, 13-3, drubbing over South Marin. With only four games left in the season, the seventh place Jackets (4-3 Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association) need to win virtually all of their remaining games to make it to the playoffs.

On Tuesday, they cer-

tainly looked up to it. The game was their first in two weeks because of spring break, and it seems the layoff did the Jackets well.

They dominated on both ends of the field, particularly on offense where seniors Michael John Crickmore and Noah Schwartz combined for a total of nine goals.

The two had remarkable chemistry up front, setting up each other as well as their teammates for goals.

Captain Crickmore, a midfielder, finished with five goals while Schwartz, an attacker, was responsible for four and two assists.

The game was close in the first half, until midway through the second quarter the score was locked at 2-2. Crickmore, who scored Berkeley's first four goals, opened the floodgates by scoring half of those more before the half, then

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## All Blues women in Mills rugby tournament

The Northern California Women's Rugby Council will host the Pacific Coast Territorial Championships April 18-19.

Teams participating are the Berkeley All Blues, Emerald City Mudhens (Seattle), Puget Sound Breakers (Seattle), and the Bay Area SheHawks (San Francisco), at Mills College in Oakland.

Saturday's losers play off at 9 a.m. Sunday, for third place. Saturday's winners play at 11 a.m. Sunday, for the championship and seeding for the United States National Championship being held in May.

The SheHawks won nationals in 1992, '93, and '95. The All Blues won in '94 and are the current defending national champions.

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Boys Lacrosse

Berkeley 13  
South Martin 3















## Pontiac Firebird: GM's mechanical marvel

By Arnold and Marion Wechter  
North American  
Auto Writers Syndicate

We hate to sound like TV technicians, but if you're planning on buying a Pontiac Firebird or Chevy Camaro, you'd better hurry while they last.

The word is out that General Motors is seriously thinking about dropping both cars because of poor sales. It would be a shame if they disappeared. They are two of the three remaining "pony" cars, which have delighted enthusiasts over the years.

And the top-of-the-line Firebirds are true mechanical marvels at a price that foreign competitors have not been able to match.

Our Pontiac Firebird Trans Am with the Ram Air performance and handling package did not act like an endangered species. It is one of the friskiest on the market. It is all zip and go — and we do mean go!

Firebirds are offered in three models — Firebird, Formula and Trans Am. The Firebird is offered with a 3.8-liter V-6 engine and automatic transmission. Formula and Trans Am

models come with the new 305 horsepower LS1 V-8 engine.

The best way to describe our test car's styling is with one word: aggressive. It looks as if the Firebird was created to fight all comers in street racing.

If you want a distinctive, sporty coupe, this car meets the criteria. All the major elements of Firebird's front end — hood, fascias, fenders and headlamps—are new for '98.

While the Firebird is a first cousin to the Camaro, it does not look like a rebadged version. The general shape is the same, but the aggressive new hood to rear end treatment sets it apart from the Chevy.

Who won the styling competition between the Firebird and Camaro? It depends on whom you ask. My personal view was that Chevy did the better job, but my writing companion and wife said: "Firebird, it's really macho." We found that the vote among friends and passersby was pretty much a toss-up.

The standard 5.7-liter overhead valve V-8 should provide enough horsepower for almost anyone. It churns out 305 horsepower at 5200 rpm and 335

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One of the friskiest cars on the market, Firebirds sport a 3.8-liter V-6 engine Formula; Trans Am models come with the new 305 horsepower LS1 V-8 engine. The best way to describe the Firebird's styling is with one word: aggressive!

## Taking Lincoln beyond the borders

By Arnold Wechter  
North American Auto  
Writers Syndicate

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Lincoln-Mercury Division is moving in more than one direction. The 2000 model year Lincoln LS8 and LS6 just made their debut at the New York Auto Show.

Lincoln-Mercury designed both models for the domestic and international markets — new territory for the division.

"The Lincoln LS series was made to travel beyond the borders — beyond the design borders, beyond the geographical borders and beyond the psychological borders within which Lincoln has traditionally operated," said Jac(cq) Nasser, president of Ford Automotive Operations.

This marks the second major move for the division, which earlier announced it is moving its headquarters from Detroit to Southern California.

Unlike its Asian rivals, Ford decided not to use an older platform. Nasser pointed out that the all-new LS platform has been designed with the technical features of many of the other successful cars that are sold internationally.

These include rear-wheel-drive, four-wheel independent suspension, a choice between four valve overhead camshaft engines and three transmissions, all-speed traction and yaw control and antilock brakes.

Nasser also said that the latest safety technologies, including front-seat, side-airbags and dual front-mounted airbags will be standard equipment.

"We expect that most LS sales at the outset will be in North America to drivers who want an animated luxury sport sedan," he said.

"However, the LS is sized and equipped right to be at

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## Firebird

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ft/lbs of torque at 4000 rpm. This should keep you out front in most cases.

One would expect heavy fuel consumption, but we averaged 16.8 mpg in combined driving. The EPA provides a 17 mpg City and 26 mpg on the road. But the true speed burner will opt for the WS6 Ram Air package.

This package provides an additional 15 horses and ten more ft/lbs of torque, gained by a Ram Air induction system that forces cool air into the engine where it improves combustion. The result is extra power with little or no additional fuel consumption.

Ram Air isn't an inexpensive option, adding just \$3,000 to the cost, and it provides you with specific suspension components that include a 32/19 mm front/rear sway bar combination, higher front and rear spring rates, unique shock valving and a stiffer transmission mount.

The upgrades also provide improved handling and also help control vibration and body motion.

Both of us were impressed with the ride and handling. Over the years we've driven some exotic sports cars that didn't handle as well. We both found the Firebird an exhilarating car to drive on the open road.

Pontiac also supplies Ram Air versions with a new speed-rated P275/40ZR17 tire that provides improved wet and dry handling. The new tire is mounted on 17-inch polished, cast aluminum five-spoke wheels with WS6-specific wheel inserts.

For those who demand a stick shift, Firebird offers the same six-speed unit found in

There is also an improved anti-lock braking system. Firebird is the first car in North America to replace hydraulic proportioning valves in the rear brakes' Electronic Brakes force Distribution (EBD), said to result in more balanced front-to-rear brake wear and improved stopping distance.

The braking system works hand-in-hand with the

improved traction control system. This leaves us with the interior to discuss — always a weak point in any pony car.

**Over the years we've driven some exotic sports cars that didn't handle as well. We both found the Firebird an exhilarating car to drive on the open road.**

the Corvette. This excellent transmission does have one feature neither of us liked.

As a gas-saving measure the Firebird will jump from second to fourth gear. This very same experience annoyed us on recent Corvette test drive and neither of us have changed our minds after our latest one.

The Ram Air package probably allows the Trans Am to hit up to 150 mph. We say probably because neither of us is about to come close to that speed. Zero to 60 mph time is probably under six seconds — very handy for passing slower vehicles and entering busy freeways.

Any car offering this much power should have more than adequate brakes — and the Trans Am doesn't disappoint. Significant improvements have been made in the braking system. Larger four-wheel disc brakes have been provided on all models.

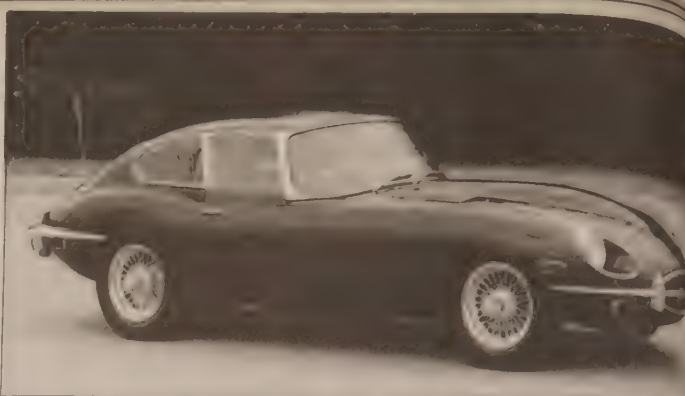
And, unfortunately, this has not changed.

The Firebird is a two-adult car and even the front passenger isn't as comfortable as he or she should be. The rear seat is for two small children. Don't put your friends there; they'll leave you as enemies.

One complaint with the front passenger seat: the catalytic converter provides a hump on the floor and we both complained when riding shotgun. But instrumentation is complete; all controls are within easy reach, even those for the sound system and heater/air conditioning.

Muscle cars such as the Firebird Trans Am aren't for everybody. But if you love to drive a high-powered car that provides handling with performance at a reasonable price this car could be for you.

It would be a shame if General Motors dropped the Firebird. Pony Cars are part of America's motoring heritage.



Screwed together on Fri., Dec. 13, 1968, this red E-Type Jaguar has a 4.2-liter, 171-horsepower, twin-overhead cam, six-cylinder engine shoehorned under its long, low hood.

## Vintage 1969 Jaguar's body cuts through wind with ease

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By Vern Parker

In 1961, the wizards of Coventry introduced a new from-the-ground-up E-Type Jaguar to the motoring public. The new Jaguar had not only shed weight, it now had an independent coil and radius arm rear suspension. The sleek new body drastically reduced wind resistance.

All these changes made the E-Type Jaguar faster with better handling than the car it replaced. Four-wheel disc brakes could bring the unleashed cat under control with ease. The E-Type was composed of three series that

ran from 1961 to 1974. Series 2 cars were built from 1968 to 1971 and weighed 2,550 pounds.

One of the early Series 2 Jaguars, a left-hand drive fixed-head coupe was screwed together on Friday, Dec. 13, 1968. Like its other E-Type cousins, a 4.2-liter, 171-horsepower, twin-overhead cam, six-cylinder engine was shoehorned under the long, low hood.

Maybe that explains the bulge down the center of the hood between the two rows of 14 cooling louvers.

On January 16, 1969, the coupe was shipped to the United States wearing a coat of "pale primrose," a light shade of yellow.

By 1977, the car had acquired a coat of dark green paint, not to be confused

with British Racing Green and was for sale in San Francisco.

Roger Drabick saw the green car with El 72-series chrome wire wheels. In April, 1977 he bought it with the three windshield wiper design. When he drove it home, the odometer registered 42,000 miles.

Soon thereafter the green paint was covered with a fresh coat of British Racing Green and the beige leather upholstery was restored.

In 1982, the coupe was stripped and repainted red. With that done and a new clutch installed, Drabick "I caught the car show bug." When Kodak transferred to the home office in Rochester, N.Y., the Jaguar was the first item to be shipped.

See JAGUAR on page 10

## Pontiac Firebird specifications

Type: 2-door coupe

Base price: \$25,975

As tested: \$30,340

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Horsepower: 320 bhp @ 5200 rpm

Torque: 345 ft/lbs @ 4000 rpm

Transmission: 6-speed manual

Steering: power-assist, rack-and-pinion

Brakes: vented 11.9 in. front discs, vented 12.0 in. rear discs with ABS

Wheelbase: 101.1 in.

Overall length: 193.8 in. Width: 74.5 in. Height: 52.0 in.

Track, front/rear: 60.7/60.6 in.

Curb weight: 3,477 lbs.

Fuel capacity: 15.5 gal.

EPA rating: 17 mpg City/26 mpg Highway

## Score one for UAW

WASHINGTON—The domestic automakers and the UAW have scored a victory as a congressional committee rejected a change in the content-labeling law sought by U.S. subsidiaries of foreign car companies.

By a 21-20 vote, the House Commerce Committee stripped a bill of language requested by the transplant

companies and replaced it with a provision supported by the Big 3 and the UAW. The transplants have sought revisions to the 1992 American Automobile Labeling Act to allow labor input to be counted as domestic content.

The committee-approved provision refines the current calculations of domestic parts origin.

## Daewood's back

SEOUL, South Korea—Daewood Motor Co. has confirmed that it will begin selling vehicles in the United States in August. Daewood Group Chairman Kim Woo-

Choong said his cars have completed U.S. certification testing and are ready to go on sale. Sales target is 100,000 cars annually within a year of the launch, he stated.

## Successful transplants

ANN ARBOR, Mich. For the first time the economic clout of importers and transplant

automakers bring to the U.S. is shown in a University of Michigan study.

The researchers have concluded that 1.27 million jobs have been created after spending a year applying a scientific economic model to the issue.

Sponsored by the importers and transplants, the research takes into account all jobs that owe some of their income to

the companies. These jobs range from U.S. factories to marketing offices to parts makers.

And this even includes the checkout clerks in grocery stores where all those the importers and transplant automakers employees shop.

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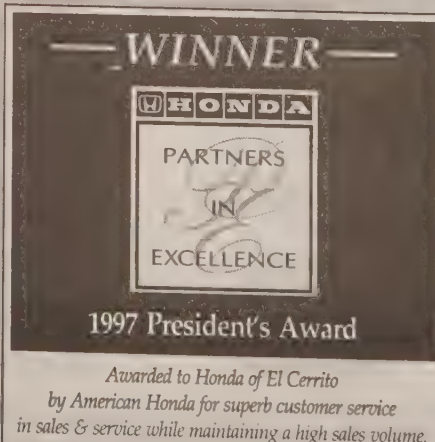
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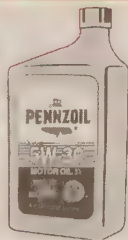
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Junior Damato

Dear Doctor: I own a 1990 Chevy Van 20 series with a V-8 engine. I bought it new, and the problem is the engine uses 4 quarts of oil on a 500 mile trip. There is no sign of an oil leak, nor any smoke coming out of the tail pipe. The dealer put an air-fueler on the #1 spark plug, but the only one that was wet when they checked the plugs. They said the way to fix the problem is with a complete valve replacement that will cost \$3,800. Another dealer said the valve seals could be the problem. I have tried a lot of oil additives. What do you think?

Dear Jimmy: At 90,000 miles, the problem could be valve guides, seals, or worn

piston rings. Two quarts of oil at 500 mile intervals is unusual. In your letter, you did not mention anything about the PCV system. I have found a lot of blocked PCV systems at the throttle body, as well as on the PCV small wire mesh breather under the PCV valve. I do not think you need a complete engine overhaul. I recommend a compression test which may result in a new style Toké valve seal replacement. The Toké valve seals have always worked for me, even when the valve guides are worn. The cost of valve seals will range from \$200 to \$300.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1994 Chevrolet Lumina with the V-6 engine that has two problems. First, while wearing the seat belt, the light sometimes stays on, and other times it just flashes. The dealer has replaced the seat belt, but the light still comes on. Second, when the gas

tank is half full, or less, under light acceleration the engine will sometimes hesitate. It has been back to the dealer many times and they cannot find the problem. Can you help us? Also, do you have an Internet site or book of questions and answers? Mary

Dear Mary: A simple continuity test of the seat belt circuit, where the electrical connectors are located is all that is needed to check the system. For the hesitation problem with a half tank or less of gas, have the dealer hook up their shop fuel pressure tester to the car, tape it to the windshield and let them take the car for a road test. A partly blocked fuel filter, weak coil, spark plugs, or plug wires can also cause slight hesitation under light throttle pressure. The gas line return line in the fuel tank may actually be pushing the gas away from the fuel pump pick up in the gas tank. I suggest a full engine

performance test. To answer your last question, I am currently working on a book deal and am in the process of building a Web site.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1996 Chevrolet half ton pickup with a 350 engine that GM replaced under warranty for a knocking sound. The replacement engine now has the same knocking sound as the first engine. The dealer said the noise is inherent to the engine and is nothing to worry about. When I was younger and building hot rods, this was not a normal sound. I use 5w30 oil. What do you think? Kurt

Dear Kurt: The 350 Chevrolet engine has been around for a long time. While an occasional lifter tappet sound may be normal, a lower engine connecting rod or main bearing rap sound is not, unless there are 100,000 hard miles on the engine. Have the dealer get the

Chevrolet zone representative to meet you at the dealership to examine the problem.

A low end rap indicates there is too much clearance between the connecting rod bearing and the crankshaft. The 5w30 oil is the correct oil for the engine and will offer the proper protection.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1990 Lincoln Continental with the 3.8-liter V-6 engine. My problem occurs when shifting from drive into reverse. There is a long hesitation before the transmission responds. However, the transmission goes right into reverse when I shift from park into reverse. The local shop said the transmission needs an overhaul at a cost of \$1,800 dollars. I recently replaced the head gaskets and air suspension for \$3,000 dollars. Are these problems normal? What should I do about the transmission? Richard

Dear Richard: Replacing both the air suspension and cylinder heads are common occurrences on this car. As for the transmission, have your technician pull down the valve body in the transmission. He should examine the small check balls that are not shrinking down in size, causing the delay when shifting from drive into reverse. In my opinion, the transmission does not need an overhaul.

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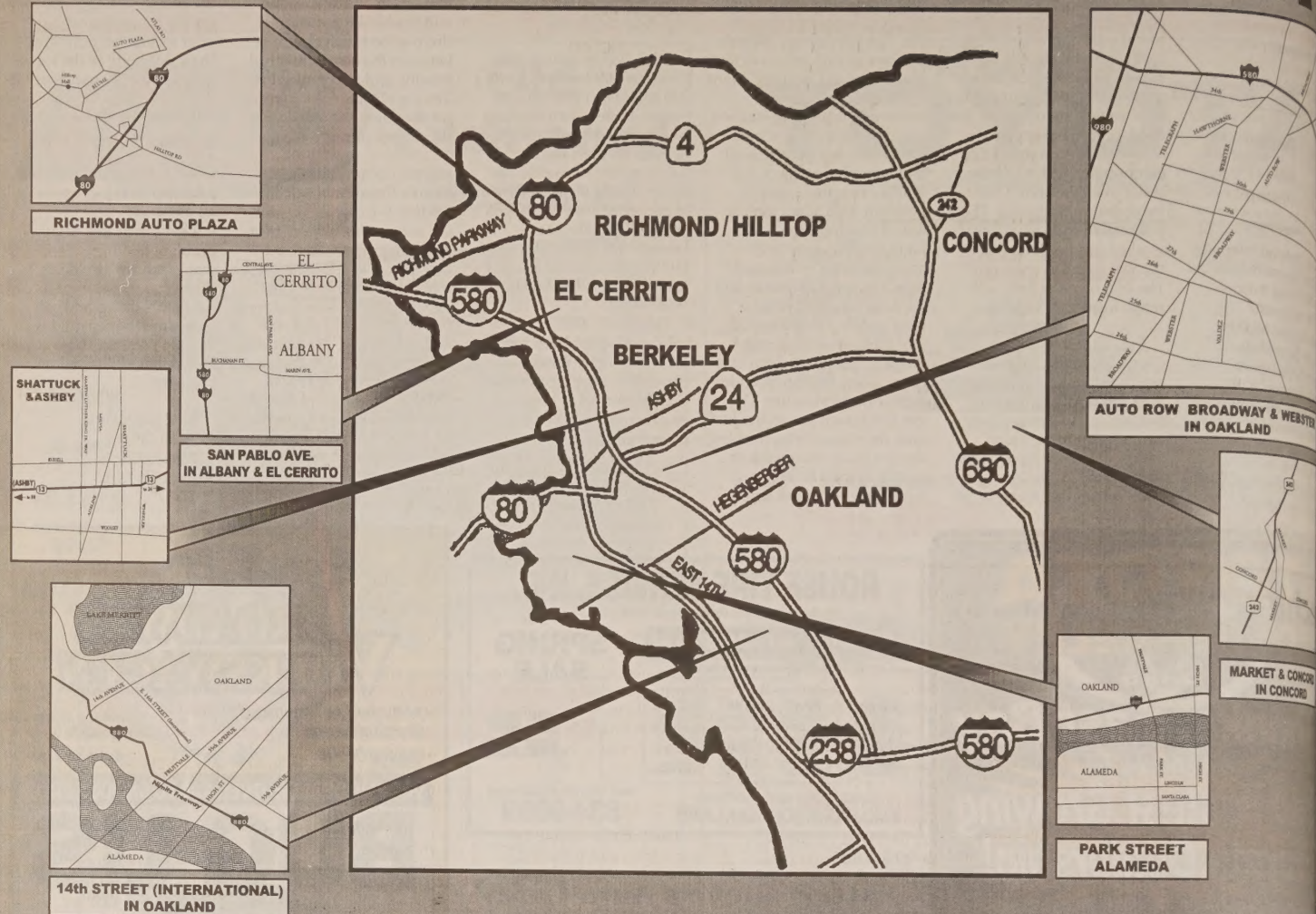
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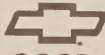
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
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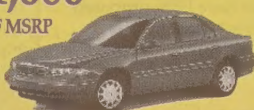
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